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WASHINGTON.

The Increase-of-Salary Matter—Agricultural College Endowment—The Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Butler was cast down, but not destroyed, when the House adjourned last night. This morning he was himself again, and by submitting to a compromise, he secured enough recruits to reconsider the vote by which his increase of salary amendment was beaten, and subsequently to carry it. The compromise rates the salary of Congressmen at $5,000, and abolishes all mileage and perquisites whatever. It is to be noticed that this compromise does not touch the most objectionable feature of the whole bill, that which dates back the increase to the beginning of this Congress, and so, in effect, bribes the outgoing members to support it. On most theory it is less objectionable to take $5,000, instead of $7,500, for a service already performed on a contract not providing for either sum, the converts to the bill did not ascertain to show. The vote showed that about twenty-five men had changed their base within twelve hours. Close after this, and a natural sequence, was another amendment raising the salaries of all the employes of the House, including several committee clerks. There might be some doubt about the Senate's agreeing to these amendments, if it could reach them in any other manner than as a part of a conference report.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE LAND BILL.

The Agricultural College Land bill went to the wall to-day. Mr. Pierce attempted to secure a conference committee in the House, and was beaten—82 to 86. There has been a marked change of feeling in reference to this endowment measure since it passed the House. Many influences have been brought to bear to defeat it, and petitions have rolled in from nearly every college and university in the country which is excluded from its benefits, being four-fifths of the whole number. A good many voted against it to-day because of the disreputable action of Mr. Pierce, who had charge of the bill and who rushed it through the House, by pledging himself to do one thing and doing directly the reverse. It is not thought that the bill can now be saved.

APPOINTMENTS IN THE TERRITORIES.

The Delegates from the Territories are exerting their influence to secure the enforcement of the civil service rules with reference to appointments in the Territories. They hold that under those rules non-residents of the Territories are ineligible to Territorial office. The first contest is over the Governorship of Colorado, for which there are now two candidates, one from Colorado and one from the States.

SUNDRY CIVIL APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Senate has finished the consideration of the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, and sent it to the House, where a formal non-concurrence and the call for a conference committee will be made. The Sundry Civil bill, as it came to the Senate from the House, appropriated something over $21,000,000. A great number of amendments have been made in the Senate, and it is quite impossible to say what the increase will amount to, but certainly not less than five millions, and perhaps it may reach twice that amount. This increase is mainly made up of appropriations for public buildings in various parts of the country. The consideration of the bill, in Committee of the Whole, was finished last night, and when the Senate met to-day, the only amendments made in the Committee of the Whole that had not been concurred in were those for the District of Columbia. They were speedily concurred in by the vote of nearly three to one. Then followed, during all day to 5 o'clock, a series of sharp struggles over a large number of amendments relating to local or private interests. One of the most important amendments offered was that relating to the printing of the debates of Congress, which has been brought forward several times before unsuccessfully. The motion to insert in the bill the amendment, giving the debates to Mr. Murtagh to print was laid on the table by a vote of 31 to 25. This appears to be the last movement that can be made in reference to the *Globe* this session, and as the bill stands now, the *Globe* is sent to the office of the Congressional Printer to be published. There may be some further change before the final passage of the bill. One amendment made to the bill last night provides for the payment of the assistant marshals who took the census in the Southern States for the eighth census of 1860. A strong effort was made to-day to strike out this amendment by motion to reconsider, which was, however, laid on the table. It is probable that many changes will be made in the Conference Committee, and the sum appropriated by the bill will be largely reduced, but in any event it will be much greater than when it came from the House. It is not likely that the committee can present its report before Monday morning.

THE INCREASE OF SALARIES BILL IN THE SENATE.

The question of the increase of salaries which has been causing some agitation in the House for several weeks, came up in the Senate this evening for the first time. The Legislative bill came over from the House with amendments there made. Mr. Edmunds moved to amend the House amendment by striking out all but the provision for increasing the salary of the President to $50,000. He gave as a reason for excepting the President that the increase must be made now or not for four years, but in the cases of the other officers, Congress would have jurisdiction next session, when there would be more time to consider and do justice. This amendment was not agreed to. Neither was an amendment offered by Senator Morton, to strike out that part of the amendment relating to salaries of Senators and Members of Congress. Senator Carpenter, Senator Morton, Senator Logan, and others referred to the increase in the salaries of Members of Congress and Senators as being too insignificant to be made. The Senators from the Pacific coast would have their aggregate pay considerably reduced by the cutting off of mileage.

Mr. Edmunds finally concluded to try what the Senate would do if called to vote directly on concurrence with the House amendment, and accordingly moved to concur. Mr. Conkling indicated his opposition to such a concurrence. Several speeches were made under the five-minute rule, and the vote having been taken by yeas and nays, it was found that only Senators Bayard and Stockton had voted for concurrence and fifty-five had voted against it. This will serve as a kind of instruction to the Conference Committee, and will probably prevent any general increase this session.

ROBBERY OF SENATOR WILSON.

Senator Wilson's room was entered last night, and a small sum of money and a watch were stolen from him. The Senator says he has not locked the door of his room a night this session, but as the room next his was also entered, though locked, he does not consider his loss due entirely to his want of precaution. The money stolen was but small in amount, but the watch was valuable to the Senator as a personal keepsake. It was given to him by the members of the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts while he was President of the Senate several years ago. He is greatly grieved at the loss of this watch, and would gladly regain it by paying several times its value.

THE CENSUS.

The second volume of the ninth census is completed by the Government printer, and a copy was laid upon the desk of each Senator and Member to-night. It is a handsome quarto of nearly 700 pages, contains the vital statistics compiled from the returns of the ninth census, and is illustrated by several graphic maps like those bound in the first volume, which have been so generally commended. A noticeable feature of the volume is a series of life tables, calculated from the returns by Mr. E. B. Elliott, Actuary of the Treasury Department, whose special ability for this task is universally acknowledged.

THE DEFICIENCY BILL PASSED.

At this hour the House is engaged in finishing the Deficiency bill, and will send it to the Senate to-night. The Legislative bill has gone to a conference, the members on the part of the House being Messrs. Garfield, B. F. Butler, and Randall. They will hold their first meeting to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and will hardly be able to present a report before Monday morning. The Sundry Civil bill will come back to the House from the Senate just before 12, heavily laden, and there is some question whether it will go direct to the Committee of Conference or be first considered in the House. May prefer to consider them separately if there is time.

Quarter past 12 *A. M., March* 2.—The House has passed the Deficiency bill, and has just taken up the Senate amendments to the Sundry Civil bill. There will be no extra session.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

NOMINATIONS.

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day:

Isaac W. Hutchins, of Massachusetts, to be Agent for the Indians of the Green Bay Agency, Wisconsin; John S. Banks, of Florida, to be Register of the Land Office for the East Florida Land District; Martin L. Stiles, of Arizona, to be Receiver of Public Moneys for the Silis Land District, Arizona; Levi Ruggles, of Arizona, to be Register of the Land Office at the same place; S. F. Holliday, of Florida, to be Receiver of Public Moneys for the East Florida Land District; Lieut.-Commander George A. Stevens, to be Commander; Master E. K. Moore, to be Lieutenant; Ensign Kossuth Niles, to be Master; Thomas Taylor, to be Postmaster at Corpus Christi, Texas; M. D. Wickersham, to be Postmaster at Mobile Court-house, Ala.; and Charles W. Ringgold, to be Postmaster at New-Orleans, La.

THREE PER CENTS CALLED IN.

The Secretary of the Treasury has called in $390,000 of the three per cent. certificates, $5,000 from No. 5,552 to No. 5,785, inclusive; $10,000 from No. 5,564 to No. 5,600, inclusive, dated from April 16, 1869, to Jan. 3, 1870; interest will cease April 30, 1873. This call includes all the $10,000 certificates that were issued.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT.

The President, to-day, signed the following: The act to provide for a disposition of the portion of the military reservation at Fort Ripley, Minn., which lies east of the Mississippi River; the act for the relief of Benjamin H. Campbell, Marshal of the United States for the Northern District of Illinois; the act to transfer the control of certain powers and duties in relation to the Territories to the Department of the Interior.

CURRENCY STATEMENT.

The receipts of fractional currency for the week ending to-day amount to	$912,000
Shipments of fractional currency	460,400
Shipment of notes	735,000
Amount held by the Treasurer as security for national bank circulation	357,415,100
And for public deposits	15,665,000
Internal revenue receipts to-day	399,217
For the fiscal year to date	78,901,141
National bank notes outstanding at this date	343,372,904

WASHINGTON'S CHAIR FOR PRESIDENT GRANT.

The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate to-day received from New-York the chair in which Washington sat just before his first inauguration as President of the United States, and in which President Grant will sit on Tuesday next, previous to taking the oath of office. It belongs to the mother of the late Wm. H. C. Wadell, who was Marshal of the Southern District of New-York under the Jackson Administration. He secured the chair and gave it to his mother, who resides in Westchester County, New-York, and who tendered it to be used on the approaching inauguration. The chair has arms, is of mahogany, and substantially constructed, with an open-framed back, and the representation of two crosses in the scroll-work. The history of the chair is authenticated.

KUKLUX PARDONED.

The President has pardoned Miles Carroll, Miles McCulloch, Henry Warlick, and Jones A. Sanders, of South Carolina, convicted of Kuklux crimes and sentenced to confinement in the Albany Penitentiary.

RELEASE OF COL. STEWART.

Col. J. B. Stewart, the witness before the Wilson Credit Mobilier Committee, who was imprisoned for refusing to answer certain questions involving his integrity as an attorney, was released this morning, in accordance with a vote of the House last night. He is now preparing to institute separate suits for false imprisonment against the Speaker and the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives. The object of the suit is to bring before the Supreme Court of the United States the question of the power of Congress to imprison a private citizen in a matter involving no question of a breach of privilege.

ELECTION OF SENATOR M'MILLAN.

Gov. Warmoth was the first to receive the news to-day of the election of Gen. McMillan by the McEnery Legislature, of Louisiana, for the Senatorial long term. Gov. Warmoth said to Gen. McMillan, who is still here: "General, I congratulate you on your election with as much pleasure as I would have received your congratulations, had I been elected to the same position."

THE PORTLAND AND SALT LAKE RAILROAD COMPANY.

The Senate to-day passed the House bill relating to the Portland, Dalles, and Salt Lake Railroad Company, with an amendment, in the nature of a substitute, simply authorizing said company to take from the public lands timber, stone, and other material necessary for constructing its road.

Another Trial and Failure of the Lay Torpedo.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

NEWPORT, R. I., May 1.—Another trial of the Lay torpedo came off to-day at the torpedo station at this place, but which, however, proved a decided failure. After running out from the shore a distance of half a mile the gas was consumed and the propelling powers at once closed and it became unmanageable. A boat was sent to it and it was obliged to be towed to the shore, to the chagrin of its inventor, who at this trial intended to demonstrate to the Government officials beyond a doubt its capacity to run a distance of two miles, return, and perform the mission of destroying an enemy's vessel, all of which it inventor claimed it would do at the first trial before a board of army and navy officers. It is singular that at every trial except the first an accident has happened. A large number of spectators were present to-day.

The Chicago Police Commissioners Muddle.

CHICAGO, March 1.—Judge Gary, this morning, refused to grant the application of Reed and Klokke, the deposed Police Commissioners, for leave to file information against Messrs. Wright and Mason, the recently-appointed Commissioners, as a preliminary to an application for a writ of quo warranto. This decision disposes of the vexed question which has so long interfered with the police government of the city. It is hailed with satisfaction by nearly all the citizens.

AFFAIRS IN FRANCE.

The Press and the New Spanish Republic—The General Impression—M. Thiers' Policy—A Strange Case.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Friday, Feb. 14, 1873.

The sudden change in the Government of Spain took the journalists of Paris completely by surprise, and led to comments which are very entertaining. Even the Radical journals speak with evident embarrassment, and give but a chilling welcome to the new Republic. In order to denounce monarchies and kings it is necessary to say something in favor of the republican system, but their explanations are hollow, inconsistent, and unsatisfactory. In one sentence King Amadeus is blamed for leaving the country when the Carlists are in the field, and the people praised for establishing the Republic; in the next the people are blamed for doing anything of the kind, because the Spanish have not sufficient virtue and morality, and Amadeus praised as an excellent republican in all but name. For some time the situation has been difficult. On one side is the hatred of Kings, of the Pope, of the Clerical Party, of the temporal power, and Church and State; on the other is hatred for the House of Savoy, envy of Italy, and pique at the idea that Italy has gained her unity and Rome for her capital through the demoralization of France. The trouble has been to strike a balance between these conflicting sentiments, in order to mark out some line of policy applicable to King Amadeus, a prince of the House of Savoy, called to the throne by a vote of the Spanish people. The only strong writer among the number has shown his strength by not trying to be consistent. M. John Lemoinne, of the *Journal des Débats*, solved the difficulty by pronouncing for the King. While the republic was the best of all governments for France it was not adapted to the people of Spain, and, moreover, France could not see a republic in that country without great anxiety. The Government of Amadeus was pronounced a thorough republic in all but the "label," and when the news of the abdication of the King was received, M. Lemoinne gave a cry of distress, and asked if the Spanish were thinking of such a thing as a republic. I must here remark that M. John Lemoinne is the writer who penetrated the Hohenzollern affair, gaining much credit thereby, and he has since been regarded as an authority in Spanish affairs. He has studied them with great diligence, but it seems to little purpose, for this news fell like a thunderclap upon him. M. Thiers was terribly depressed at the reception of the news, and cried from the very bottom of his heart: "Now I have two Republics on my hands, and one was crushing me." He means by this that he is obliged to keep the Spanish Republic moderate, through fear of the Reds in France, for a Red Republic across the Pyrenees would be fatal to his hopes. No sooner was the news received than a number of extreme men hastened to Madrid; the International sent its agents forward promptly; and the leading Communists now in exile are trying to enter Spain in order to help on the work. The masses of Lyons and Marseilles were greatly exhilarated by this event, and the troops have been ordered under arms, in order to be prepared for any eventuality.

M. THIERS' PLAN.

I am told that this event has considerably interfered with the plans of M. Thiers, who cannot give as much time now as he desires to the work of finessing with the majority. The committee is likely to prove less tractable, partly because a republic in Spain gives encouragement to the Radicals in France, partly because the Monarchists would have a very strong support were the Bourbons to regain the throne. That seems to be the result generally predicted. Don Carlos is in the field and is pushing toward Madrid, and Queen Isabella has adopted a waiting policy. M. Thiers is stretching a line of troops along the Pyrenees, and has given orders to have the frontier strictly guarded. The citizen Gambetta has at once put himself in communication with the citizen Castelar, and the Radical members of the Left are sending telegrams to their brothers of Madrid. M. Olozaga at once resigned his office here, but M. Castelar telegraphed him to hold it for the moment, and M. Figueras, the new President, joined in a very cordial dispatch begging him to do so. He took the dispatch to M. Thiers, and after the audience, openly declared that he should maintain his resignation, and take up his residence in Paris. This was regarded as equivalent to saying that M. Thiers would not favor the new movement.

THE CASE OF PRINCE NAPOLEON.

The case of Prince Napoleon came up day before yesterday and was argued at some length. M. Pinard, the advocate of the Prince, made a bitter speech, full of sharp phrases against M. Thiers. They were so concise, pungent, and epigrammatic, that I believe some of them will "stick." The attorney for M. Lefrano and others pleaded the non-jurisdiction of the court, since the intervention of the Chief of State had made this a Government affair. The decision was reserved for eight days. M. Thiers was angry with the Magistrates for this, and declared that the matter should have been concluded at a sitting after his public declaration. I think so myself, for, since the court must yield at last, it were better to do so promptly.

THE CASE OF MME. DE PERSIGNY.

Another *cause célèbre* was decided the same day, that of Mme. de Persigny. Four months after the death of the Duc de Persigny, Mme. de Persigny, *née* Princess de la Moskowa, became engaged to M. Lemoyne, a young lawyer who is now engaged by the Khédive. The affair created a great scandal, and the mother, Mme. de la Moskowa, tried to stop the marriage. The law prohibits the marriage of a widow before ten full months after her husband's death, for reasons which will be understood, and the Princess de la Moskowa asked for an interdiction on the ground that the usual notice to the family had been made before the expiration of the legal widowhood. The case was contested with great vigor, and the Court finally decided that there was no ground for legal interference, since Mme. de Persigny is a woman of forty years, the mother of children, one of whom, the present Duke, has passed his majority. Mme. de la Moskowa appealed against this decision, and the present trial was upon the appeal. The mother, and the brother, Edgard Ney, did all in their power to prevent this marriage, which they regarded as scandalous, and which Mme. de Persigny did also in her "lucid intervals." The words were launched by the Princess, but produced no effect upon the court, since no one believes that Mme. de Persigny is actually crazy. She is simply "luny," and, with a woman's obstinacy, bent upon marrying her handsome young lawyer in spite of the world. She gained her cause, and at the moment I write is probably Mrs. Lemoyne. A woman of forty has a right to marry if she pleases, and M. Lemoyne has a right to marry a Duchesse of forty if he pleases, but it is a little scandalous to marry so soon. However, at forty, a woman has not very long to wait, and this may have been the reason which led Mme. de Persigny to sadden her son, and anger her whole family, for the sake of a *beau jeune homme*. Now the thing is done, the family will pout for a time, then receive the culprits, then get a title for M. Lemoyne as soon as possible.

Murder in Findlay, Ohio.

TOLEDO, Ohio, March 1.—At Findlay, Ohio, on Thursday night last, a man named Nicholas Bensinger was shot and killed by Henry J. Gartee. The parties had been chopping wood together, when a dispute arose, caused, it is supposed, by jealousy. Gartee is an unmarried man, about twenty years of age, and Bensinger's wife, with whom Gartee boarded, is some twenty years the junior of Bensinger. Gartee has confessed the murder, and is in jail.

THE LOUISIANA QUESTION.

Discussion in the Senate—What the Warmoth Party Desire.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Senator Davis, of West Virginia, this evening, made a motion to reconsider the vote on the Louisiana bill. There was an hour's discussion, and then a vote was taken on a motion made by Senator Chandler to lay the motion of Mr. Davis on the table, in order to proceed to the consideration of the River and Harbor Appropriation bill. The motion to lay on the table was carried by 29 to 28. Of course there was no expectation that the House would act on the bill should the Senate pass it; but it was designed to secure such an expression from the Senate as would give an excuse for employment of force by the Warmoth party in resisting the Kellogg Government. They say that resistance by force to the Kellogg Government would be justified by the speeches of Senators Carpenter and Edmunds, and profess to believe that the President will not dare to enforce the declaration in his message in regard to Louisiana affairs, in view of the position of prominent leaders of the Republican Party. They think such an expression against the Kellogg Government as the passage of the bill which the Senate had before it would be would serve as an excuse for any revolutionary action by the Warmothites.

The following dispatch, received this morning, shows clearly the purpose of the Fusionists in such acts as the calling out of the militia, &c.:

NEW-ORLEANS, Feb. 28, 1873.

S. B. Packard, Washington, D. C.:

Extra *Picayune* publishes dispatch to McEnery, signed Warmoth and McMillan, saying your action relative to militia enrolment helps. They are sending private dispatches, urging action and trying to get big meeting to-night. Still believe no collision probable, and that we can hold position. Universal rejoicing among Republicans over action in Senate. Ray seated would end the contest. WM. P. KELLOGG.

Threats of the Opponents of the Kellogg Government.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

NEW-ORLEANS, March 1.—The McEnery mass-meeting, last night, in point of enthusiasm and demonstration was an utter and ridiculous failure. The only incident worthy of notice was the utterance of one of the speakers, a picayune lawyer named Ellis, who used this language: "Cæsar had his Brutus, Charles I. his Cromwell, Lincoln his Booth, and Grant may profit by their example." Hugh J. Campbell told the people that the action of Congress, the Supreme Court, and the President did not mean anything, and that they ought to continue the fight against the Kellogg Government. The *Picayune* is out in favor of resistance to the collection of taxes, even to blowing off men's heads. Gov. Kellogg is not in any way disconcerted, but is ready for any emergency without the aid of Federal troops.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

NEW-ORLEANS, March 1.—The McEnery Legislature to-day elected Gen. N. L. McMillan United States Senator for the long term, commencing March 4. The vote stood: McMillan, 45; Warmoth, 33; scattering, 7. There is much talk among the politicians about a compromise, but such a termination of political complications seems improbable.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

A Decrease During the Past Month of $5,277,880 42.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The following is a recapitulation of the public debt statement:

Debt Bearing Interest in Coin.

Bonds at six per cent	$1,339,245,700 00
Bonds at five per cent	414,567,300 00
Principal	$1,753,813,000 00
Interest	29,158,023 79

Debt Bearing Interest in Lawful Money.

Certificates of indebtedness at four per cent	$ 78,000 00
Navy pension fund at three per cent	14,000,000 00
Certificates at three per cent	1,310,000 00
Principal	$15,988,000 00
Interest	110,618 39

Debt on which Interest has Ceased since Maturity.

Principal	$3,493,240 26
Interest	331,508 39

Debt Bearing no Interest.

Old demand and legal tender notes	$356,084,902 50
Certificates of deposit	27,770,000 00
Fractional currency	45,202,106 47
Coin certificates	24,024,980 00
Principal	$453,171,988 97
Unclaimed interest	16 604 84

Total Debt.

Principal	$2,236,065,229 73
Interest	29,616,755 41
Total	$2,255,682,984 64

Cash in the Treasury.

Coin	$65,930,781 57
Currency	4,000,902 54
Special deposit held for redemption of certificates of deposit as provided by law	27,770,000 00
Total	$98,701,684 11

Debt, Less Cash in the Treasury.

March 1, 1873	$2,157,380,700 53
Feb. 1, 1873	2,162,658,581 30
Decrease of debt during past month	5,277,880 77
Decrease of debt since March 1, 1872	98,132,797 45
Decrease of debt from March 1, 1869, to March 1, 1873	388,082,559 48

BONDS ISSUED TO PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.

Interest Payable in Lawful Money.

Principal outstanding	$64,623,672 00
Interest accrued and not yet paid	646,233 12
Interest paid by United States	13,509,280 90
Interest repaid by transportation of mails, &c.	4,185,353 52
Balance of interest paid by United States	14,323,927 38

Redemption of the 5-20 Bonds of 1862.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The following is the circular calling for the redemption of the 5-20 bonds of 1862:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, LOAN DIVISION, March 1, 1873.

By virtue of the authority given by an act of Congress, approved July 14, 1870, entitled "An act to authorize the refunding of the national debt," I hereby give notice that the principal and accrued interest of the bonds herein-below designated, and known as 5-20 bonds, will be paid at the Treasury of the United States, in the City of Washington, on and after the 1st day of June, 1873, and that the interest on said bonds will cease on that day. That is to say, the coupon bonds known as the second and third series, act of Feb. 25, 1862, dated May 1, 1862, as follows:

COUPON BONDS—SECOND SERIES.—$50, Nos. 10,776 to 27,798; $100, Nos. 25,936 to 66,846; $500, Nos. 16,190 to 41,873; $1,000, Nos. 27,444 to 71,359. THIRD SERIES.—$50, Nos. 1 to 1,200; $100, Nos. 1 to 4,752; $500, Nos. 1 to 3,000; $1,000, Nos. 1 to 5,733; total, $45,000,000. Also, REGISTERED BONDS—$50, Nos. 841 to 1,233; $100, Nos. 5,922 to 8,809; $500, Nos. 2,959 to 5,360; $1,000, Nos. 13,151 to 20,680; $5,000, Nos. 4,103 to 6,462; $10,000, Nos. 4,775 to 7,000; total, $5,000,000. Totals, $50,000,000.

Of the amount outstanding, embraced in the numbers as above, $45,000,000 are coupon bonds, and $5,000,000 are registered bonds. The coupon bonds of the act of Feb. 25, 1862, were issued in four distinct series. The bonds of the first series, all of which have been previously called for redemption, are printed in green tint, and have no designation of series upon them. The bonds of the second series, (this call,) embracing the balance of the series, are printed in yellow tint, with blue numbering, and have the words "second series" on the bonds and "2d" on each coupon. The bonds of the third series are printed in black, with blue numbering, and have the words "third series" on the bonds and "3d" on the bond or on each coupon, or both. The bonds of the fourth series are printed in black, with red numbering, and have the words "fourth series" or "4th," on them.

United States securities forwarded for redemption should be addressed to the Loan Division Secretary's office, and all registered bonds should be assigned to the Secretary of the Treasury for redemption.

(Signed,) GEO. S. BOUTWELL, Secretary.

ENGLISH NOTES.

The Government and Ireland—The New University Schemes—Pries's and Progress—A New Supreme Court.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, Feb. 15, 1873.

On Thursday night Mr. Gladstone put before the House of Commons the Government project for providing university education for Ireland, and it has been received on the whole with more approval than could have been expected. The subject is an extremely difficult one, and it would be hopeless to try to please everybody. The only reason for touching it is to conciliate the Roman Catholics, who complain that they are practically shut out of the present system; and in so far as any plan satisfies the Roman Catholics, it in a proportionate degree alarms and offends the Protestants. Mr Gladstone's speech was extremely quiet, moderate, and, I may say, deliberately dull. He evidently made it as smooth and level and unexciting as possible, in order to conciliate all parties, and to secure favorable consideration for his proposal. Of course, he was studiously polite toward the Irish, and praised them for their love of culture. There was, he said, a need of love of letters and culture in Ireland. Ireland was not barbarous in mind, and might say of herself, in the words of a Roman poet, that she required only a tranquil sea to mirror herself. Once he stumbled on the phrase: "A truly Irish consummation," meaning something highly absurd and ridiculous; but he instantly apologized, and withdrew the phrase. Although plainly anxious to avoid anything thorny and irritative, his characteristic want of tact, and tendency to stretch questions to their largest extent, led him into the error of referring to the probable seizure of the property of English colleges for public purposes. Oxford and Cambridge will now be up in arms against him. At the beginning of his speech, he asked a crucial question as to the general principle on which the higher education of Ireland was to be established: "Do we, or do we not, intend to extend to Roman Catholics the full benefit of civil equality, on a footing exactly the same as that on which it is granted to members of other religious persuasions? If the answer is 'Yes,' then let us do it fairly and without shirking or evasion." I need not trouble you with all the details of the plan. It is enough to say that the general idea of it is the establishment of one grand university for Ireland—a university which is to be not merely an examining, but a teaching body, with a staff of eminent and well-paid professors, and with fellows, scholars, prize-men and ordinary students. Residence will be required from students, who will thus be brought together in social intercourse and associated education. Mr. Gladstone glided over this feature of the scheme as gently as possible, for it is that which will be most objectionable to the priests. What the Roman Catholic clergy would like is a university of their own, where their young men would be shut up under close supervision, and carefully guarded against the corruptions of free discussion and liberal toleration. For this reason they dread association with Protestant students at least as much as lectures from Protestant professors. Ultramontane salvation consists in believing that there is only one side to every question, and that is the side which the Church chooses to adopt. Even to know that there are two sides is contamination, if not ruin. As a concession to the Roman Catholics, the university is to have the existence, as far as it can, of such things as moral philosophy and modern history. There are to be no lectures on these subjects, but it remains to be seen how they can be excluded from the course of lectures on other matters. Modern history is pretty certain to get mixed up with ancient history, and moral philosophy spreads through every branch of literature and the "humanities." The existing colleges are to preserve their endowments, independence, and self-government in the same way as the colleges and halls of Oxford and Cambridge. The colleges will be, in fact, subsidiary training schools, to which students can attach themselves or not as they please. A student can go either to a Protestant or to a Roman Catholic College, or he can remain unattached. The colleges will be at liberty to teach what they please, and to supplement the curriculum of university education to any extent. Trinity College has voluntarily consented to be secularized, and the theological faculty will become a detached ecclesiastical seminary under the charge of the now disestablished Protestant Church of Ireland. The endowments of the university are to be mainly provided out of the surplus revenue of the Church. It will be seen that this is in its general outlines, a very fair and reasonable scheme, but everything will depend on the manner in which it will be practically worked. Hence the great battle will be as to the composition of the governing body, which is, in the first instance, to be nominated by Parliament, and, after a certain number of years, jointly by the Crown and the colleges. The truth is that, under any scheme, there is sure to be a fight on this point. Roman Catholics and Protestants will each seek to get the upper hand, and all that can be done now is to plant out the stakes for a ring, in which the fight may be fought out openly and fairly.

On the whole, the plan has every chance of being carried, though it will no doubt be modified in detail. If the Protestants are wise, they will be disposed to yield a good deal in the first instance for the sake of inducing the priests to release their young men from the cramping and deadening system under which they are at present educated and to allow them to breathe the fresh air and stretch their limbs in the healthy arena of a grand national university, open to all classes and common to all sects. After all, lectures from the chair and examinations make up but a comparatively small part of a university education, and a lad's most influential teachers are his own companions.

A NEW SUPREME COURT OF JUSTICE.

On the same night that Mr. Gladstone was reeling out his Irish proposals before a crowded House of Commons, the Lord Chancellor was explaining his great scheme of law reform in an empty House of Lords. He proposes to erect one Supreme Court, which, though acting at various points and through different judges, shall yet exercise a single and individual jurisdiction, comprehending all the jurisdictions of the several courts of first instance at the present time. In this one court of supreme jurisdiction are to be united all the higher tribunals of law and equity, the Probate and Divorce Court, the Court of Admiralty, and the London Bankruptcy Court, and to it will be at once transferred all the superior judges. Thus there will be a grand system of courts—at the bottom the local courts of Magistrates and County Court Judges; over this the Supreme Court of Judicature, with its twenty-one Judges, sitting in the new law courts that are to be built at Temple Bar, and over this again there will be a Supreme Court of Appeal. At first, indeed, there will be three Courts of Appeal, for the House of Lords and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council are still to be kept at work; but eventually, no doubt, all will be absorbed into the one chief Court of Appeal. Lord Selborne hopes by this plan to accomplish that fusion of law and equity which has been so often talked about and promised. It is a very pretty plan, and would, no doubt, be quite chimerical if there was not such a thing as human nature, and if a great reform or revolution could be carried out independently of the people who have to administer the system. Now, at present, there are equity Judges and common law Judges; an equity bar and a common law bar; solicitors who practice before the Equity Courts, and attorneys who grow rich by their devotion to common law. If these could all be cut up into little bits, and put into a big caldron and boiled for a month or two, perhaps the different elements might be found at the end of that time to be in a tolerably perfect state of fusion. But short of this it is to be feared that equity men will continue to cling to equity, and common-law man to common law, and that they will deal with the cases which come before them from their respective points of view. The chancery man have the greatest contempt for the small technicalities of common law; they resent being tied down by deeds and contracts, and hard and fast rules, and claim the right to determine what is just and proper out of the depths of their own moral consciousness. On the other hand, common-law lawyers are naturally very shy of anything that tends to unsettle the sanctity of contract. Nothing is more certain than that, if the antagonistic bodies are to be left to fuse their opposite systems of law together by their own efforts, it will never be done. Let the law be mixed up beforehand by some superior power, and the mixture served out for retail distribution—that is the only way of making the law really one and indivisible. But this is just what Lord Selborne apparently shrinks from doing.

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MEXICO.

The Difficulties on the Texan Frontier—Relations with England.

CITY OF MEXICO, Feb. 23, via HAVANA, Feb. 28.—The *Two Republics* says the difficulties on the frontiers of Mexico and Texas are not properly appreciated in Washington. When fully investigated, it will be seen that the annexation fever is the cause of the marauding by both parties. This fever has prevailed in Texas since its settlement by Anglo-Saxons and its final separation from Mexico. The fever formerly prevailed without any pretext, but now it is aggravated by the disorders on the Rio Grande.

The army has driven Lozada's forces into the Sierras. Lozada is fortifying the defiles to prevent an advance of the Federals.

An English man-of-war has brought the documents to the Government relative to the attacks of the Yucatan Indians on Belize. The *Progreso* says it is truly amazing that when a residence among the English at Yucatan brings abuse, the British Government should complain to the Mexican Government on account of Indian attacks.

The *Siglo* says the Government has postponed the publication of its answer to England's demands, owing to the state of affairs existing between England and Mexico. It fears the communication of England is unfriendly, and is desirous of knowing the reply. In the meanwhile the Belize and Texas entanglement are not to be despised.

THE MODOCS.

Peace Anticipated, but by No Means Certain.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—Advices from Yreka say that Hawker Jim, Curly-headed Jack, and Shack Nasty Jim came to Fairchild's camp, yesterday, on a friendly visit, by permission of Capt. Jack. They wanted to consult with the Lalake Indians for the return of sixty horses taken from the Modocs since the first fight, and it was agreed that the horses should be returned. Gen. Canby told the party he desired peace, but was ready for war.

The Peace Commissioners declined to hold a conference at the place designated by Capt. Jack. It is thought a council will be held to-morrow. Although peace is anticipated, it is by no means certain. The general opinion prevails that the Commissioners will demand the surrender of the murderers, and the removal of the Modocs to a reservation. The Indians believe they will be permitted to return to Lost River.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

There were 626,305 hogs packed in Cincinnati from Nov. 1, 1872, to March 1, 1873.

The Republicans of Poughkeepsie yesterday unanimously renominated H. G. Eastman for Mayor by acclamation.

Gen. John McCalla, formerly one of the Auditors of the United States Treasury, died in Washington yesterday.

Internal Revenue Assessor James G. Rapier, of the Second Alabama District, has resigned, to take effect March 4.

The Winnesboro National Bank, of Winnesboro, S. C., with a capital of $50,000, is authorized to commence business.

The Boston Lancers left that city last evening, for Washington, by the Providence and Stonington Steam-boat route, accompanied by Edmonds' Band.

The office of the *Sentinel* (newspaper) at Waterford, N. Y., was burned yesterday. Waterman's drug-store was badly damaged by water. The loss is from $7,000 to $10,000.

The Reno party of surveyors for the Texas Pacific Railroad, arrived at Prima Village, Arizona, Feb. 19, where they connected with the surveying party from the East.

The buildings Nos. 56 to 62 Orange-street, and Nos. 215 and 217 Thomas-street, New Orleans, were destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss, $25,000; partially insured.

The American ship Gettysburg went ashore on Florida Reef on Friday. She is loaded with cotton and flour. The underwriters' steamer Winanta has gone to her assistance.

The last rail of the Port Royal Railroad was laid on Friday, and trains traversed its entire length. This road connects the harbor of Port Royal, S. C., with Augusta, Ga., and the West.

The Legislature of Michigan has requested its Congressional delegates to use their influence against the adoption of the bill making the prepayment of postage on weekly newspapers compulsory.

The Liberals and Democrats of Poughkeepsie, last night, nominated Jacob B. Carpenter for Mayor, but he positively declines to accept, and will state so in a card in the newspapers.

A fire yesterday morning in Toledo, Ohio, destroyed the building corner of Cherry and Ontario streets, occupied by J. Roth, grocer, and Peter Ulmstadter, butcher. Loss, $40,000; covered by insurance.

The steamer Pernambuco has been chartered by the Blue Star line to load at Philadelphia for Antwerp, and will take the balance of the freight offered for the steamer Vaderland, which that vessel was unable to make room for.

The Albany Burgesses Corps, 100 strong, accompanied by Doring's Band, left that city at 10 o'clock this morning en route for Washington. They will dine at the Metropolitan Hotel, and leave Jersey City for the national capital at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

At the Oswego Republican City Convention, held yesterday, George R. Sloan was nominated for Mayor. D. C. Littlejohn has declined the nomination for Mayor of that city, which was tendered to him by the Liberal and Democratic Convention.

Charles Bengand was murdered last night, near Martinez, Contra Costa County, Cal., by an Indian named Jose Soto. The Indian had been arrested for attempting to steal horses, bound, and placed in a room. Watching an opportunity, he slipped the rope off his hands, seized an axe, and split Bengand's head open. The murderer is lodged in jail.

Anxiety in Utah as to Frelinghuysen's Bill.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 1.—Increased anxiety is felt as to the fate of Senator Frelinghuysen's bill. Nothing else is talked about. Both sides are doubtful of the result. The Mormons say that if the bill finally passes the question of its constitutionality will then come forward.

The *Journal* (Gentile) expresses the belief that Brigham Young has determined to resist the laws no longer.

All the railroads, except the Utah Northern, are now clear of snow. Trains from the East and West are now on time.

An immense amount of ore and base bullion is accumulating for the Union and Central Pacific Railroads.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Yesterday's Debate in the French Assembly—M. Dufaure on the Compact of Bordeaux.

PARIS, March 1.—In the National Assembly to-day M. Dufaure, Minister of Justice, made a long speech, in which he declared that the compact of Bordeaux would be maintained by the Government.

The New-York Times, Sunday, March 2, 1873

CURRENT LITERATURE.

DOROTHY.

A STORY SUGGESTED BY THE NAME UPON A PEW.

By the author of "Kate," "Jane Eyre," &c. In 1 vol. pp. 400. New-York: Harper & Brothers.

Miss Braddon has a decided talent for the construction of a story, and a very considerable power of working out the details of a plot. She is not a writer of the highest class, and she has not the genius which makes a character live in the memory of the reader, but she has a very fair share of the ordinary gifts of a novelist, and she has made the most of them. She has also the merit of being a writer who is always readable. She is not dull, and she is not vulgar. She is not a writer whom we should ever think of reading for the sake of style, or for the sake of the delicate touches of character which are the charm of the best novels, but she is a writer who tells a story in a way which makes us anxious to know what is coming next, and who keeps up the interest of her readers to the end. She is not a writer whom we should ever read twice, but she is a writer whom we should read with pleasure when we have nothing better to read, and when we are in the mood for a novel of the ordinary kind. She is not a writer whom we should ever recommend to a friend who cared for literature, but she is a writer whom we should recommend to a friend who wanted to kill time on a railroad journey, or to get through the tedium of a long evening. She is not a writer whom we should ever think of reading a second time, but she is a writer whom we should read through at a single sitting, if we had nothing else to do. She is not a writer whom we should ever think of buying, but she is a writer whom we should borrow from a friend, or get from a circulating library. She is not a writer whom we should ever think of putting on the shelves of our library, but she is a writer whom we should be glad to find on the shelves of a friend's library. She is not a writer whom we should ever think of praising, but she is a writer whom we should be glad to hear praised by others. She is not a writer whom we should ever think of abusing, but she is a writer whom we should be glad to hear abused by others. She is not a writer whom we should ever think of quoting, but she is a writer whom we should be glad to hear quoted by others. She is not a writer whom we should ever think of criticising, but she is a writer whom we should be glad to hear criticised by others. She is not a writer whom we should ever think of condemning, but she is a writer whom we should be glad to hear condemned by others. She is not a writer whom we should ever think of defending, but she is a writer whom we should be glad to hear defended by others. She is not a writer whom we should ever think of attacking, but she is a writer whom we should be glad to hear attacked by others. She is not a writer whom we should ever think of—

"Very well," said Mrs. Dutour, "but neither Mme. Dutour nor I will read it."

"Why not, madame?"

"Because we have no time to waste on such trash."

"Pardon, madame, but I have read it, and I assure you that it is not trash."

"Then why do you read it?"

"Because I am a critic, and it is my duty to read it."

"Then you are a critic, are you? Well, I am not a critic, and I do not read it."

"Nor I either," said Mme. Dutour.

"Then you are not competent to judge of it."

"Not competent! Why, I have read a hundred novels, and I know all about them."

"Pardon, madame, but you have not read this novel, and you do not know all about it."

"Then I will not read it, and I will not have Mme. Dutour

of pleasant arrangements; there is only this difference, that in preparing your supper, when you have caught them, in the most delicate and subtlest forms of sin, you are. Art for art, and nothing but art, that is the instructive law of the school. They dismiss and scoff sympathies as an occupation really second rate, bourgeois, or, what is the last epithet of depreciation, *parlez nations*. They know nothing of social interests, nothing of utilitarian ideas, nothing of "progress;" nothing of the multitude; they care only to stimulate, to develop, and to exercise their own powers of acutely imaginative, enjoying, or shuddering. Shuddering—for Victor Hugo, in his romances of *Bug-Jargal* and *Han d'Islande*, had early added the shudder, the sensations of the monstrous, the agonized, and the grotesque, in their extreme degree, to the scale of feelings to be addressed by modern French literature. So had modern French painting begun with horror, in the *Massacre of Chios*, and the *Raft of the Medusa*.—*The Cornhill Magazine.*

KENSETT IN ROME.—Rome changes so little from year to year that the spacious studio in which the Easy Chair first saw Kensett doubtless still remains, and is occupied, perhaps, by some young worker at the easel, who hears the same old constant ringing of church bells, and who climbs the hill over the studio at evening to see the sun setting and St. Peter's stooped in the rosy light. It was upon the Via Margutta, a little back from the street, and Kensett shared the studio with his life-long friend, Thomas Hicks. There in the happy days they studied and painted, and there was always the lively welcome for the mere loungers, youths making the grand tour, and excellent seniors who came to Rome with families and traveling carriages, the bland dispensers of commissions. All that Kensett was in the later days—ever bright, tranquil, sympathetic, modest, generous, manly—he was in the Roman days more than twenty years ago. Never peevish, never selfish, scorning to solicit in any way, self-reliant, trusting himself and the future, how plainly he seems to stand at this moment, stepping back a little from the easel, turning his head and studying the effect of every touch, while a soft, lovely landscape of summer peace brightens his canvas! There was the usual society of artists of all kinds in Rome, one of whom, the oldest resident, Robert Macpherson, who married Mrs. Jameson's niece, and who chanced upon the famous Sebastien del Piombo, died just before Kensett. We all dined at the Lepre, and probably ate more than our peck of— But what a flavor it had! Hark! That is the "boss" waiter. "*Ecco! Signore, vengo, vengo! Eccomi qua!*" What guests does the bustling Muzio serve now? and what viands! Do the unwary still expect broth when they order *Zuppa Inglese*? Does the tradition of *Mezzo Sbrinzo* yet linger? And Calcedonio, with his smooth, fair face, who needed only the heavy vine chaplet to be Antinous himself, in what celestial *trattoria* does he now come smiling in, holding huge piles of plates aloft? From the Lepre we crossed to the Café Greco. It was famous ground, for Thorwaldsen had sat there sipping his black coffee, and Gibson was sometimes seen in our day. We sat in the narrow dark room called the omnibus. We paid two bajocchi, or pennies, for a tumbler of coffee. How we smoked! How we talked and laughed! What good things were said at the Lepre! Because there was a Mermaid, shall there be no other cakes and ale? How plain it was! how dingy! And were ever more satisfaction, more pleasure, and richer memories bought at a cheaper rate? And among all the famous loiterers at the Greco was there ever a kinder, simpler, sweeter companion than Kensett? He was not fluent. He told few stories. But his generous sympathy, his interested attention, were inspiration. He made a sunshine that harmonized and softened all. Is there a Greco still? The old dingy room must have gone. But if by any chance it remains, let its frequenters of to-day cherish it the more because of that gentle presence long ago.—*Harper's Magazine.*

THE PHILOSOPHER KANT.—No life is more curiously simple than Kant's. In the great modern quarrel of the philosophers, Kant is to Hamilton what Comte is to Mill. He was a poor man, but avoided all debt, and so became comparatively rich. He was a man of weak constitution, but he watched and doctored himself, and so became comparatively strong. "His uninterrupted health," writes the *Saturday*, obtained by rules based on his own experience, was a carefully-executed work of art." He moved so completely in his groove that the slightest departure from it caused him extreme misery. The prisoners in the jail sang too loud; he used all his influence to abate the nuisance. A cock used to crow too loud, and he changed his residence. He used to gaze on a distant object, that he might concentrate his thoughts; some poplars grew tall enough to hide it, and he was miserable until their owner good naturedly lopped them. The great transcendentalist had his ideas of comfort, which undoubtedly prolonged his days. He sat down to a 1 o'clock dinner, but he sat over it for three hours. His palate was exquisite, and he was a profound judge of cookery. Then, for years together, he used to go off to the house of his friend Green, the Englishman. "Entering the sitting-room, he found Green asleep in an arm-chair, took his seat beside him, and went to sleep likewise. Then Buffman, a bank director, who also belonged to the clique, entered, and followed the example before him; and all remained sleeping till the arrival, at the appointed time of Motherby, another friend, whose business it was to awake them. Conversation now began and continued till 7 o'clock, when the party broke up. So rigidly was this rule observed that the remark was often heard, "It can't be 7 o'clock yet: Prof. Kant has not gone by." The future historian of the philosophy of the nineteenth century will be glad of any similar touches respecting the lives of our great contemporary psychologists.—*London Society.*

LAPIS-LAZULI MINES.—The method of extracting the lapis-lazuli is sufficiently simple. Under the spot to be quarried a fire is kindled, and its flame, fed by dry furze, is made to flicker over the surface. When the rock has become sufficiently soft, or, to use the workmen's expression, *surim*, it is beaten with hammers, and flake after flake knocked off until the stone of which they are in search is discovered. Deep grooves are then picked out round the lapis-lazuli, into which crowbars are inserted, and the stone and part of its matrix are detached. The workmen enumerate three descriptions of ladjword. These are the *necli*, or indigo color; the *asmani*, or light blue; and the *auvsi*, or green. Their relative value is in the order in which I have mentioned them. The richest colors are found in the darkest rock, and the nearer the river the greater is said to be the purity of the stone. The search for ladjword is only prosecuted during Winter, probably because, labor in the mine being compulsory, the inhabitants are less injured by giving it in a season of comparative idleness than when the fields require their attention. Perhaps, also, during the cold of Winter the rock may be more susceptible to the action of heat, and thus be more easily reduced than when its temperature is higher.—*A Journey to the Source of the River Oxus.*

ICICLES.—Icicles are a pretty paradox, formed by the process of freezing in sunshine hot enough to melt snow, blister the human skin, and even, when concentrated, to burn up the human body itself. Icicles result from the fact that air is all but completely transparent to the heat rays emitted by the sun—that is, such rays pass through the air without warming it. Only the scanty fraction of rays to which air is not transparent expend their force in raising its temperature. The warm puffs of the Summer breeze are not heated directly by the sun itself, but by the earth and the objects on it which the sun has previously warmed. The truth of this is sensibly felt on entering a town after sunset, from the open country, in sunshiny weather. The same difference of temperature is never felt at the close of a cloudy day. This cause is one of the reasons why the air on a mountain top is colder than the air at its foot. The air on high mountains may be intensely cold, while a burning sun is overhead. The solar rays which, striking on the human skin, are almost intolerable, are incompetent to heat the air sensibly, and we have only to withdraw into perfect shade to feel the chill of the atmosphere. Snow is one of the many objects which absorb and are warmed by the solar heat. On a sunny day you may see the summits of the high Alps gleaming with the water of liquefaction, while the air above and around the mountains may be many degrees below the freezing point. The same thing happens to the snow upon your house-roof. The sun plays upon it, and melts it. The water trickles to the eaves, and hangs in a drop. If the eaves are in the shade, or in declining sunshine, or the air intensely cold with a brilliant sun, the drop, instead of falling, congeals. An infant icicle is formed. Other drops and dribblets succeed, which both thicken it at the root and lengthen it. The drainage from the snow, after sunshine is gone, continues to produce icicles, until the flow of water is stopped by the frost. In the Alps, Dr. Tyndall tells us, when the liquefaction is copious and the cold intense, icicles grow to an enormous size. Over the edges (mostly the Southern edges) of the chasms, hangs a coping of snow, and from this depend, like stalactites, rows of transparent icicles, ten, twenty, thirty feet long, constituting one of the most beautiful features of the higher crevasses. But an icicle would be incomprehensible if we did not know that the solar beams may pass through the air, and still leave it at an icy temperature.—*All the Year Round.*

GENERAL NOTES.

Pennsylvania proposes a State Board of Health.

Boston erected 2,124 buildings in 1872 at a cost of $7,043,313.

There are $40,500,000 on deposit in the savings banks of Rhode Island.

A State temperance convention is to be held in San Francisco, Cal., April 2.

The Worcester *Gazette* heroically comes to the defense of mothers-in-law.

There were 5,860 deaths in Montreal and surrounding municipalities in 1872.

In 1872 there were 6,496 marriages, 20,072 births, and 20,544 deaths in Philadelphia.

A man eighty-six years old is a candidate for constable in Nelson County, Ky.

Gen. Joseph R. Hawley has been asked to take the stump in New-Hampshire this week.

Most of the towns in Massachusetts hold their annual local elections Monday, March 3.

A California condor, on exhibition in San Francisco, is said to measure fifteen feet from tip to tip.

Rev. J. C. Bodwell has resigned his position as Professor in the Theological Institute of Connecticut.

An old man drank a pint of whisky in Norfolk County, Virginia, on a wager, and died in an hour.

The Philadelphia *Press* informs Gen. Butler that the newspaper Press "has been very kind to him."

The Railroad Commissioner of Minnesota reports that the railways of that State were operated at a loss last year.

The widow of the late Gov. Isaac Hill, of New-Hampshire, celebrated her eighty-fourth birthday in Concord, Feb. 24.

A New-Hampshire couple who were divorced in October, have made up again and been remarried.

A stereoscopic glass, lying upon a table and exposed to the sun, last week set fire to a house in New-Hampshire.

An Illinois constable has sued two men for $1,000 damages, for injuries received while attempting to arrest them.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago proposes to supply all the railroad trains from that city with Bibles.

A Missouri paper despairingly asks: "Wouldn't the State do well to dispense with all legislation for the next ten years?"

Permits have been granted for sixty-eight buildings in the burnt district of Boston, and thirty-two of them will have marble fronts.

It is now said that only twenty persons were frozen to death in the north-western counties of Minnesota, in the great storm of Jan. 7.

A New-Orleans paper complains that the beggars walk their beats in that city as regularly as the policemen, and are certainly much wider awake.

The Dayton (Ohio) *Journal* reports that Henry Ward Beecher was willing to lecture one night in that city for $1,500. Almost anybody would be.

A murderer was hung by a mob in a Utah town the other day, and a young woman to whom he was betrothed, on hearing of it, fell dead.

Three counties in Pennsylvania have just voted in favor of liquor license, and ten against it. Other counties vote on the third Friday in March.

The Helena (Montana) *Herald* is confident the epizootic originated last Spring among the ponies of the Piegan Indians in the British Possessions.

The Sheriff has levied upon some property, in Raritan Township, N. J., owned by Mrs. Myra Clark Gaines, at the suit of Aaron Wolfson, of New-Brunswick.

The Council of the Nevada Legislature has passed a bill to remove the capital from Tucson to Phoenix, but it was thought it would be defeated in the House.

James Lick, of San Francisco, has given a lot in that city worth $150,000 to the Academy of Sciences, and another lot worth nearly as much to the Pioneer Society.

The reports show that there is only one pauper to every 3,600 inhabitants, in Kansas. But then they seem to throw money about pretty freely out that way.

A Washington paper has felt called upon to assure a correspondent that it is not responsible for the sentiments of a lecture by Wendell Phillips, reported in its local columns.

A Florida grower has just sold his strawberries for forty cents per quart, and his peaches for $1 per bushel, for the New-York market, he to do the picking and boxing.

A Kentucky paper reports that Lexington people who went down to Louisville to hear Henry Ward Beecher's lecture, were very much disappointed with his style.

A California firm has set up an incubator of 2,000 eggs capacity. It is 9 feet long, 3½ feet wide, and 16 inches high, and is expected to turn out live chickens promptly and unerringly.

A woman in destitute circumstances in Indiana, cut off her hair, the other day, and sold it to a charitable lady, who gave her seventy-seven cents for it to buy food for her children.

A convict, who has just died in the Virginia Penitentiary, left property valued at $30,000. He was seventy-three years of age, and was under a fifteen years' sentence for killing a man who had beaten his son.

A "starving" man, who was sent to a saloon by a charitable Bostonian, called for an ice-cream and a plate of cream-cakes. Another said he was tired of the food furnished in eating-houses, and wished his benefactor to send him to a hotel.

It is proposed to investigate the accusations of bribery of Pennsylvania legislators by the liquor-selling interest, and the means used to secure the passage of the supplement to the Union Passenger Railway Company's charter.

The Massachusetts Legislature is petitioned to appoint a board of competent mechanical engineers and scientific men to devise some cheap and effective plan for constructing fire and water proof floors for mercantile buildings.

Telegrams in San Francisco papers report that Cochise's band had made a raid into Mexico, attacked the town of Fonteras, driving off stock and killing a number of persons, including Leopold Valencia, a member of the Supreme Court of Mexico.

Oberlin College expects to derive much profit from the tract of land in West Virginia which Gerrit Smith gave it thirty years ago, and the title to which has just been assured to it by the Supreme Court against the claims of the squatters.

A Baltimore councilman insisted that the city had no more right to pass an ordinance requiring that a net shall be placed beneath trapeze performers, than it has to prohibit the use of gunpowder, because people are killed by it, or riding in the cars, because sometimes accidents occur on them.

NIGHT AND MORNING IN THE DOCKS.

How distressing and yet how fascinating it is to take up the *Life of John Howard*, or the *Life of Elizabeth Fry*, that noble, self-appointed Quakeress missionary to the squalid, ignorant, and degraded female prisoners of Newgate. One recoils from the picture of the fearful scenes in which they mixed, which they encountered; but one follows them in their work of humanity with love and reverence, fascinated by an [excellence to which we feel we cannot reach. It is a terrible thing to enter in imagination with them the poor criminal's home. I say poor, for I sympathize with, though I would sternly punish, for example's sake, all those who have fallen so low—who have found themselves face to face with a temptation which their better nature was not strong enough to resist. But there is something far more terrible, far more impressive, in the reality. It is a fearful thing to stand surrounded by prison walls, a free man among those sighing for freedom.

The tread of the foot is unconsciously softened as you approach, for the first time, the cell of the murderer; the voice is involuntarily hushed and subdued, as though you were entering the house of death. Passing on along the tiers of cells, and standing face to face, side by side, with the perpetrators of every form of crime, the feeling of oppression grows and deepens, and though it is long before the influence can be altogether shaken off, the first gush of the pure, bright, free air is unspeakably welcome when you pass out of the prison's gloomy portals. It seems to sweep a load of care from the shoulders, while the prospect of returning once more to the busy hum of natural, unrestrained life, adds greatly to the sensation of relief.

I have been in the bagnes at Brest, and have seen the muzzles of the cannon, loaded with grape shot, let into the walls of the dormitories, so that any insurrection may be literally mowed down. I have seen the wretched forgats of the galleys of Toulon. I have read that terrible inscription: "Let all who enter here leave hope behind," which seems to be the only creed of the French police system. But, to stand in a convicted and sentenced murderer's cell, to touch his hand—the hand of a fellow-creature—to hear his voice, and to know that that voice will, in a few short hours, be hushed forever by the most awful of unnatural deaths, sinks all else into insignificance, and is overwhelming in its agonizing depression. Once I have passed through this ordeal.

The elder Dumas, Edgar Poe, and all the writers of romance whose expression of thought bears on the terrible and awsome, have never, in any one of their works, described the scene to be witnessed in the corridors of a prison on the eve of a great, non-political, public execution. O'Neill, the great English painter, presented, perhaps, the most telling picture of criminal life in his "Waiting for the Verdict." But even his deftly brush and facile imagination, much as they have gloried in the picturing of touching scenes, such as this "Waiting for the Verdict," "Eastward Ho!" and "Westward Ho!" and other marvelous conceptions, have never yet dared to venture on the depiction of the Waiting After the Verdict. And yet what a harrowing scene, how crowded with life and pathos it is, as the weeks shorten into days, and the days shorten into hours, and those hours rush away as though they would hasten to throw the vail of charity over the sad tragedy and its painful remembrances.

There in the corridor sit the weeping relatives, the loving wife whose heart is breaking, the nearly orphaned children of the man who is about to die, endeavoring all the while to bear up lest their weakness should disturb his last few hours or interfere with his religious devotions. On the morrow they will speak of his body as *it*.

The wardens give their orders in an undertone; the keepers shuffle silently about in the fulfillment of their duties, and when compelled to shut a door do so softly; and when compelled to speak, to do so in whispers. Even the wretched occupants in the other cells of the corridor, peer through their grated doors with an air of subdued curiosity when their rowdy visitors inquire under their breath, "which is poor ——'s cell?" and shudder as their eyes follow the direction which their imprisoned friend gives them with his finger.

It so happened that I had a slight personal acquaintance with the reverend Father who was the spiritual adviser and director of the condemned man in the case to which I have referred. On going to the prison late in the evening of the day previous to that appointed for the execution, to learn if any respite for delaying the carrying out of the sentence (application to the Governor of the State had been made to that effect) had been received, I learned from the jolerk of the prison that a priest was then with the condemned man. I sent my card to the cell, with an intimation that I would like to see the Father, and would wait for him in the prison reception-room. To my surprise I received a message from the prisoner himself, requesting me to accompany the bearer of the message to his cell. I was a little disconcerted; for even my name was previously unknown to him, and I only knew his from the fatal notoriety which his crime had given to it. It was by no means an introduction which I courted, as I knew it would make me a participator in a scene for which I had little liking. But how could I refuse. It was with a chilled sensation at my heart that I followed the jailer across a stone court-yard, in crossing which I shivered as I caught sight of the hideous gallows, all ready for its horrid work of the morrow, and looking ghastly in the bright moonlight, and entered that part of the Tombs prison in which the condemned cells are located.

On entering I found myself before an iron railing, immediately inside of which was a keeper's desk. Standing at this desk I descried my friend the priest, talking to a man in his shirt sleeves, whom I presumed to be one of the keepers, and who was seated at the desk, in the act of writing a letter. He turned to me with a sharp, searching glance as I wished the Father "good evening." It was the condemned man himself.

He was a man of the average height, wiry and well built, with by no means an unprepossessing face, and an intelligent eye. Certainly, beyond an expression of determination around the mouth, there was nothing in his appearance to lead one to suppose him capable of the crime of murder. And yet he had committed a most brutal murder—one long brooded over, thoroughly determined on, and done in cold blood when it was done. He lay in wait for his adversary, and deliberately shot him to death, firing three additional shots into the prostrate and inanimate body of his victim, in order to make sure that the foul deed was fully done.

There was in his manner and general demeanor ample evidence of a full knowledge of his trying position. As he extended his hand to me I could not but notice the nervous twitch of his mouth. And the hand was cold and clammy, although it was the height of Summer. It was bony, shrunken, and bloodless. His face, too, was hollow and wan; and his complexion had assumed that soft, refined, and waxen appearance which is an infallible sign of intense and prolonged mental sorrow and suffering. Before he spoke he passed his parched tongue over his fevered lips and rolled it round his gums and teeth. What a tell-tale action was that of the internal fever and agony which was consuming him!

"How do you do, Sir," he said, with a courteousness of manner which surprised me. "Father —— told me who you were, and I thought I would like to ask you to do me a favor."

"Certainly," I said, "if it lies in my power to do so. What is it?"

"Will you say to-morrow morning," rejoined the poor fellow slowly, but firmly and deliberately, "that I regret that the Governor has refused my appeal for a few days respite?"

A moment's pause. "No man, young and strong, likes to die. No man, in my position, would be the worse for a few more days to get ready." Another pause. "Still I shall ascend the scaffold to-morrow perfectly prepared to die; and I believe that I shall go to heaven."

He did not seem to see the direct contradiction in his own words; he asked for "a few more days to get ready," yet he avowed that he was "perfectly prepared to die." But a dying man's words are beyond the pale of criticism; so I took no further notice of what he had said than to promise that I would carry out his wishes. He appeared to be suffering from an intolerable oppression. Every minute he would throw out his chest and expand his lungs as though he were in a heavy, asphyxiating atmosphere. At last he could stand it no longer. He dashed off his waistcoat, and almost tore his shirt collar and ribbon from his throat, and flinging them on the desk before him, said:

"Father, it's dreadful close here. Let's take a walk out in the yard."

Several keepers were around; they offered no objection, so we stepped out into the cool evening air, and began to pace up and down the court-yard, only turning at the upper end when we reached the foot of the gallows itself. I shall never forget that, on my part, silent walk. I listened with an intentness which was impressible, though painful to a degree, as that doomed man spoke of his father, his mother, and his sisters in tones of the deepest affection; told how he loved them, how his great grief now was the sorrow and affliction they must ever know—the disgrace attaching to his death. His father and mother, he thanked God, were old, and would soon be taken where they would again be happy. But, and the man cried out at the anguished thought, he spoke of his sisters having children, of those children growing up to learn his ignominious doom, to tell it again to their children, and so perpetuate his unhappy memory, and said that the bare thought of it was dreadful to him.

Again we were at the foot of that hated gallows. He stopped and surveyed it, from top to bottom, without any perceptible tremor passing through his frame. He raised his hand and pointed to the pulley over which the fatal noose would run, and explained its action. There was no bravado in his manner, no assumption of great nerve. He spoke quietly and simply, with a slightly absent air, as though he was explaining the mode of his coming death as much to himself as to me. Presently he turned away with a sigh, and said, as if in deepest pity for himself:

"This is an awful thing I've got to go through with to-morrow."

Awful! Why, I was trembling like an aspen-leaf at the knowledge that I should be there to see. My limbs shook under me. And this man, though sad and sorrowful, so calm! I could not speak. I could only trust he would at once walk away. The Father took his hand to lead him to resume his walk. Again he passed the implement of death. Again he waved his hand toward the fatal beam.

"I have no fear of that," he exclaimed, with suddenly-aroused energy, and with a slightly-dramatic tone. "No, I have no fear of that," he repeated, almost fiercely. "It is the terrible disgrace that must attach to me forever." And then he added, more calmly and with considerable dignity, "I do not dread the pain of the thing; I do not dread death. It's the disgrace I think of."

A few more turns up and down the yard, during which the Father spoke touchingly, feelingly of the all-saving power of the Saviour, and appealed to his faith, his manhood, to bear himself with firmness, and to trust in God for strength at the last moment, and he was again placid. Having thus succeeded, the good priest said:

"Now, ——, I think you had better go in;" and then he added, naively, in a moment of forgetfulness, "you'll catch cold if you stay out here any longer, without anything on. It's getting very damp."

The doomed man laid his hand affectionately on the priest's shoulder, and smiled as he said:

"I don't think that'll matter much by this time to-morrow, Father."

The Father tenderly excused himself for his inadvertence, and, shaking me by the hand as they wished me good night, they passed, arm in arm, into the prison. I sped across the court-yard to the exit of the jail, a lump in my throat and big tears welling up in my eyes, and, as I slowly wandered home, I felt that that man's features were indelibly photographed upon my brain. In the morning my first waking thought, as I looked out on the bright, sunny world, was, what did he think of when he awoke? It was an awful day for me. Breakfastless, and in the most gloomy and sombre frame of mind, I wended my way down-town to the Tombs prison.

As I neared the Tombs, I had to force my way through the crowd, aided by a warrant to act as deputy-sheriff at the execution.

And inside the Tombs, in that reception-room which had been so still and quiet with its one turned-down gas-light the night before! It was only a better-painted picture of the scene outside. A motley gathering, indeed! and all carrying in their hands notes of invitation from the Sheriff of the City and County of New-York, which were edged with a deep black border.

Suddenly the iron gateway was opened. Every one made a rush, anxious to obtain a good position from which to view the tragedy. Left to the last I quietly passed in, was recognized by a police captain, and was, without desiring it, placed in a position for which many present would have emptied their pockets into mine—provided I would change places with them.

There was the gallows, as I had seen it the night before, save that the rope was now dangling from its beam. The sunlight, instead of the moonlight, was throwing shadows from it which would have been grotesque had it not, in itself, been so revolting.

And then, suddenly, there was a cry of "hats off;" every man's head was instantly uncovered, and before I had fully comprehended the meaning of the movement, the last act in the terrible drama had already begun. First, a posse of deputy-sheriffs, then the jail officials, and then—my God!—supported on either side by a priest, the man with whom I had strolled, arm in arm, the night before, up and down that very court-yard. Pinioned, bound, the fatal noose around his neck, the repulsive black cap, though not yet drawn over his face, on his head, clutching a crucifix in both hands, on he came, slowly but with comparative steadiness, his eyes fixed on the emblem of salvation, and his lips moving in his last appeal for mercy in the world to come. My blood literally curdled at the sight.

And then there was a hush; no more prayers, no more amens to be said; all rose hurriedly to their feet, and there stood that poor trembling creature on the very brink of eternity! Gently, aye, how gently! the good Father withdrew the crucifix from his hands, placed it against the dying man's lips, which fervently pressed it, and bid him his final God speed on his great journey.

A pause—only a little pause, during which the stillness was oppressive, crushing. With an agonized effort I clasped my hands over my eyes; I heard a dull, heavy thud, which sent the blood coursing like lightning through my brain; a sound like a simmering of the atmosphere, as all gave vent to their bated breath—and I knew that the curtain had fallen, that the dire tragedy was ended.

Vienna Exhibition—Business of the Office—New Additions to the Buildings.

The work in the office of the United States Commissioner of the Vienna Exhibition presents at present a busy scene. Demands for space from many prominent manufacturers are still coming in, but there is no more room to be given. As it is, an addition to the space in the Vienna Exhibition, has been determined on, and with judicious placing of what machinery has been accepted, no doubt a most favorable disposition will be made of them.

It seems highly probable that the two vessels provided by the Government will hardly suffice to carry the goods, and that a third will have to be furnished at some later date. The Supply, now completing her freight, will certainly sail on Monday or Tuesday next from the Brooklyn Navy-yard, to be followed by the Guard. As the latter is the faster vessel, there will not be much difference as to the time of arrival. As yet, of the $200,000 appropriated not a penny has been placed in the hands of the Commissioners, and even the loading of the ships has to be paid for out of private funds, advanced by the Commissioners. Gen. T. B. Van Buren will sail in the Adriatic on the 15th of the month.

MILITARY GOSSIP.

A regimental court-martial for the Ninth Regiment is appointed to convene at the Armory, on Wednesday, March 19, for the trial of delinquent non-commissioned officers and privates. Lieut.-Col. James R. Hitchcock is detailed as President of the Court. The regiment will drill by wing, in full fatigue uniform, at the Armory, as follows: Right wing, on Tuesday, March 11 and 25; left wing, on Thursday, March 13 and 27.

The following changes are announced in the Forty-seventh Regiment, Col. Austen: Resignations—Allen C. Bush, Major; Joseph N. Creamer, First Lieutenant I Company; George W. Averell, Captain, I Company; William Howell Taylor, Chaplain. Appointments—Bernard Peters to be Chaplain, vice W. H. Taylor, resigned; Edward McIntyre to be Drum-Major, vice D. H. Rohlfs, resigned. Elections—Lee Nutting to be Captain of I Company, vice G. W. Averell, resigned; Edward Lawrence to be Second Lieutenant G Company, vice James Davidson, resigned; James C. Bloom, to be First-Lieutenant A Company, vice Wm. C. Weatherbee appointed Quartermaster. Discharged—Thomas Brown, D Company, physical disability; Anthony W. Thomas, B Company, physical disability; John Dorsett, I Company, physical disability; Andrew G. Waring, Sergt.-drummer, I Company, expiration term of service; Isaac F. Graham, G Company, expiration term of service; Donald A. Manson, I Company, expiration term of service. Expelled—Manuel H. Phillips, E Company, for neglect of duty and non-payment of indebtedness. The Forty-seventh will assemble for drill and instruction on the 10th and 11th inst.

An election will shortly be held in the Thirty-second Regiment, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Major Fred. J. Karcher. Sergt.-Major Robert Spitzer, of the Thirty-second, has been commissioned Second Lieutenant, vice John M. Otto, promoted to First Lieutenant. The fifth annual promenade and ball of the Thirty-second comes off on Easter Monday, April 14. An extraordinary treat is anticipated. The division drills of the Thirty-second will commence on the 5th inst. The right wing will drill on March 19 and April 16, and the left wing on March 21 and April 18. The entire regiment will assemble for drill, in full uniform, March 28 and April 25.

The Ninth Regiment Drum Corps, after its drill on Tuesday last, was surprised by a party of ladies, who took possession of the armory, and made the whole corps prisoners. The invading army was commanded by Misses Lizzie Glass, Mary McDermott, and Etta Cullen.

An exhibition drill of the Webster Light Guard (Twelfth Regiment) will take place at the State Arsenal on the 5th inst. at 8 P. M.

The Twenty-second Regiment Rifle Association will meet on the second Tuesday of this month.

Capt. Joseph Lang, Company G, was, Friday night, elected Major of the Seventy-ninth Regiment. At the last battalion drill of the Seventy ninth Regiment, at the State Arsenal, Lieut. Geo. McIntosh, on behalf of Company E, presented to Capt. Clark a handsome regulation sword and belt as a token of esteem for him as an officer and gentleman. A few weeks ago Capt. Clark had the honor to receive a commission as Brevet Major, for his gallant and meritorious service during the late rebellion.

The Fifth Regiment will receive the Second Connecticut on its arrival here en route to Washington, and will follow it in a special train.

Efforts are being made to organize an independent military company in Schenectady.

Sergt. T. S. Callahan, of the Ninth Massachusetts Regiment, challenges any man in the United States to drill in Upton's zouave and bayonet drill for the sum of $100 or $1,000; challenge to remain open one month.

The question as to the successor of Major-Gen. Runyon as commandant of the New-Jersey State militia has been settled by the nomination by Gov. Parker, and confirmation by the Senate, of Gen. Gershom Mott, who was a commandant of one of the New-Jersey brigades during the war, and served with honor and distinction. He is a resident of Bordentown, and highly esteemed throughout the State.

The next general military display in New-Jersey will be made at Trenton on the 6th inst., when the New-Jersey Volunteers' flags will be placed in the State House. At Taylor Opera-house there will be an oration delivered by Cortlandt Parker, Esq., and at the State House the flags will be received by Gov. Parker, in his official capacity as Governor. The Seventh and Third Regiments of the National Guard will act as escort.

Company A, St. Louis National Guard, a splendidly uniformed and equipped organization, are to visit New-York, by invitation of the Seventh Regiment, passing through Washington, en route. They will be accompanied by the St. Louis Marine Band.

AN OLD SUIT REVIVED.

James Fisk, Jr., vs. the Union Pacific Railroad and the Credit Mobilier of America.

It has probably not been forgotten that in 1868 James Fisk, Jr., brought a suit in the United States Circuit Court for the Southern District of New-York, against the Union Pacific Railroad Company and the Credit Mobilier Company of America, to compel these companies to acknowledge his rights as a stockholder, claiming to hold 20,000 shares of the Credit Mobilier stock. He demanded that there should be an accounting, and that they should transfer to him the dividends accruing from the stock up to the time of the conclusion of the suit. The suit has never been finished, and, after the death of Fisk, his widow, Mrs. Lucy D. Fisk, heir executrix, was substituted as plaintiff instead of Fisk.

It will also be remembered, doubtless, that not long ago a motion was made in a court in Philadelphia to dissolve the Credit Mobilier Company, and to wind up its affairs by a receiver.

The case unexpectedly came up again in the United States Circuit Court, yesterday, Judge Blatchford, Mr. David Dudley Field and Mr. Thomas G. Shearman appearing as the counsel of Mrs. Fisk, to make a motion for an injunction to restrain the officers and agents of the Credit Mobilier from the dissolution of that company until Mrs. Fisk's suit has been settled, and her rights determined on.

The application for the injunction was based principally on the affidavit of Mr. Thomas G. Shearman, which was to the effect that the recent revelations through the Congressional investigation committees have shown that the Credit Mobilier has made immense profits, amounting in all to many millions of dollars; and that the Union Pacific Railway Company is still indebted to the Credit Mobilier in many millions, on unsettled claims. The affidavit asserts that the Credit Mobilier officers have already disposed of a large part of its assets, and that they will, unless restrained therefrom, dispose of the remainder, to the great injury of the plaintiff.

Mr. Scribner and ex-Judge Emott, appeared for the Credit Mobilier Company. The former spoke in opposition to the motion for the injunction, saying that in relation to the Hoxie, Oakes Ames, and Davis contracts, which it was claimed had so much enriched the Credit Mobilier, there was no proof to show that it had received any money from the last two contracts. He was in favor of the appointment of a receiver, in whose hands the claims would be safe.

Mr. Field contended that the officers of the Credit Mobilier should be restrained from disposing of any more of its property to prevent its being entirely destroyed. It was now in evidence that the company's property is being made away with, and if what is left of the property is put into the hands of a receiver the plaintiff will be compelled to resort to a number of vexatious lawsuits against different parties to obtain her rights, while if the injunction now sought for be granted one suit would be enough to secure what belongs to her.

After hearing the arguments on both sides, Judge Blatchford made the following temporary order:

It is ordered that until the decision of this motion and the entry of an order thereon, the defendant, the Credit Mobilier of America, its officers, agents, attorneys, and servants are restrained from any proceedings for the dissolution of the said Credit Mobilier of America or for the appointment of a receiver of its effects or for the distribution thereof among its stockholders or any other persons, and from making any distribution or transfer of any of its effects.

The Nilsson Hall Lease—The Case Concluded.

The Committee on Armories and Drill-rooms of the Board of Supervisors met at 11 A. M. yesterday, Mr. Cooper in the chair.

Mr. C. W. Brooke, who appeared on behalf of Gen. Funk, reviewed the evidence given before the committee. He referred to the discrepancies in the testimony of Conover, Anfenger, and Stauff, and concluded by asking the committee whether they would negotiate a lease of a hall for ten years at an aggregate rental of $140,000 with a gentleman of Mr. Fallon's reputation. He characterized the case as one of clear and absolute fraud.

Mr. Brooke also referred to the appearance of Col. Sherry's name as a lessor of a number of buildings to the City, and said he had no doubt the committee would investigate the facts connected with these leases.

Mr. T. E. Stewart, who appeared on behalf of Mr. Conover, claimed that the testimony of Anfenger and Stauff was unreliable and untruthful, and that the papers produced by them in support of their evidence, were of a very doubtful character. He maintained that Mr. Young never promised to lease the hall for $10,000, and that the rent asked was never less than $14,000 per annum. He asserted that Mr. Conover acted on the best information he had, and that there was not the slightest evidence to implicate him. Nothing would ever have been heard of the matter if the Seventy-sixth Regiment had obtained possession of the hall.

Mr. Brooks denied that Mr. Conover had been dragged into the investigation. As to the inception of the investigation, of course if the Sixty-sixth Regiment had obtained the hall, it was highly probable that no investigation would have been commenced. As to the statement that no lower rent than $14,000 per annum had been mentioned, he thought Mr. Conover was mixing this matter up with that of the First, Fifth and Second Regiments' Armories.

Mr. Cooper, the Chairman of the committee, said the committee would take the matter into consideration, and report to the Board of Supervisors as soon as possible.

CLAIM FOR STREET-CLEANING.

Meeting of the Board of Apportionment—Brown's Bill.

The Board of Apportionment and Audit met at noon, yesterday, all the members being present. The principal business before the board was Mr. J. L. Brown's claim for extra street-cleaning, in 1871, amounting to $66,000.

Mr. Van Nort having moved that the case be taken up, asked whether the papers, pay-rolls, books, and other documents demanded by the board had been handed in.

The Controller said that they had not been, so far as he knew.

Mr. West, counsel for Mr. Brown, said they had no papers to hand in, but would produce the men who did the work and those who superintended it.

The Controller then addressed Mr. Brown, and said: "I ask you to produce any private books or papers you may have bearing on your claim for extra street-cleaning in 1871."

Mr. West—He has no books.

The Controller said he should take Mr. Brown's silence as a refusal to produce the documents asked for.

Mr. Brown finally produced some papers, and said he had no books. He explained to a member of the board that his claim was for services rendered in cleaning the streets in addition to the services called for by the contract.

He was again asked whether he kept any regular accounts of his payments and of the work done; and, on his saying that he did not, whether he kept any accounts, regular or irregular.

He said he kept no other books than a check-book. The pay-rolls for work done in 1871 had been sold for waste paper. His son and other young men in his office sold them. They were sold because he could not see that they would be of any service to him. He had not now in his possession any original returns of the work done. He knew of his own personal knowledge that the work he claimed payment for had been performed. He did not wish to produce his check-book, because he did not want people to know how much he had made on his contract; thought that was his own business. Finally, he agreed to produce his check-book, to show the expenditures for extra work.

Mr. West said that the work done by Mr. Brown was under contract, and therefore must be paid for.

Mr. Van Nort asked whether if the work was not properly performed the City must still pay for it.

Mr. West said "yes."

The Controller said the City most certainly would not pay for it under such circumstances. He then moved that the Clerk be requested to procure all the returns of the Board of Health and the Street-cleaning Commission for 1871, and that, in the meantime, the board examine the papers now before them. Mr. West was invited to be present during the examination, but was understood to decline. The matter was then dropped.

The bill of John Molloy, $4,444 88, for supplies furnished the Fire Commissioners was audited and allowed.

A communication was received from the *New-York Argus and Home Gazette* withdrawing their claim, and protesting against the board taking any further action in the matter. It was laid over, and the Board adjourned to Tuesday next.

Launch of a New Steam Yacht.

The new steam yacht built for Mr. Henry N. Smith, the banker of this City, was successfully launched yesterday morning from the yard of the builder, Mr. Henry Steers, Greenpoint. A large crowd of persons had assembled in the yard as early as 10½, and several ladies were also present in carriages. The owner and several of his friends gathered on the deck of the yacht, and at 11:30 the stays were struck away. Slowly but steadily the vessel moved toward the water, gathering speed as she neared the river's edge. As she was moving, an old sea captain christened the yacht "America," breaking a bottle of champagne against the mast.

All went well until the last shore was about to be struck away, when by an accident the stick flew from its place, and, striking Nicholas Schaurun, of Greenpoint, a carpenter employed in the yard, on the right side of the head, fractured his jaw and cheek-bone, and rendered him for a time insensible. The injured man was promptly removed to his home, where he was properly cared for by a surgeon provided by direction

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It will be observed that the long familiar process of reduction of the public debt was resumed, after a brief interval, during the month of February. The slight additions made to our indebtedness in December and January have been more than counterbalanced by the reduction of $5,977,880 effected during the past month. We enter upon January, and upon the second term of President GRANT, with a national debt whose principal and interest-charge amount [to $2,055,089,384. During the four years of the President's past term, therefore, the public debt of the country has been decreased by [illegible], being at the rate of over $7,500,000 per month. It cannot be too clearly understood that, in comparison with other great nations, our public debt now represents a somewhat light burden. For example, the public debt of France exceeds, at this moment, the amount of $4,600,000,000, representing a burden upon the 36,000,000 of her population equivalent to $128 per head. Thus, the public debt of Great Britain is over $3,900,000,000. Divide this among 32,000,000 of people, and the burden will be found to be nearly as great as that borne by France, being about $122 per head of the population. Now, take the public debt of the United States and apportion to each of our 40,000,000 of people a proportionate share, and it will be found that it represents a per capita burden of only $56, being less than half the existing burden of the French and British national debts. Take into account the exceptionally rapid rate of increase of our population, and the vast resources of our country, and it is probably within the mark to assume that the public debt of the United States need not weigh upon its citizens with more than one-fourth of the oppressiveness which a similar burden entails on people in France or England.

The House of Representatives has been rather unnecessarily excited over the proposal to increase, or rather readjust, the compensation of members of Congress, and to bring the salaries of the chief executive officers of the Government up to a standard more in harmony with the needs of the present time. It would certainly have been a little more disinterested had the members of the House refrained from giving their generally increased compensations any retrospective operation, and had they simply contented themselves with providing that "hereafter" $6,500 per annum shall take the place of the present rather unequal allowance for mileage and that made under other heads. But for the diligent and honest discharge of the duties of a member of Congress $6,500 is certainly not too much. Again, no fair-minded person will grudge allowing the President of the United States to receive a salary equal to about one-third of the average annual earnings of the Sheriff of New-York County, nor can it be held extravagant in this City at least, to pay the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States the same salary as we allow to the occupants of the Bench of the Marine Court. A Secretary of the Treasury is surely a more responsible and harder-worked official than a New-York Dock Commissioner. Even if the latter be greatly overpaid, the former is, by comparison, very moderately paid with $10,000 a year. The Senate appears to have thought the House resolution too comprehensive, and it therefore forms another of the many points awaiting the action of a Conference Committee.

When people take to writing state documents they have an apparently irresistible temptation to use big words, conveying a somewhat hazy meaning. For example, the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs might have made a more happy reference to the establishment of the Spanish Republic than that which is contained in the phrase, "on the recent efforts to consolidate the principles of universal liberty in republican form of government." Señor CASTELAR probably understands enough English to be able to fit a statement like this into his own rhetorical kind of style, and it may probably be appreciated by Spanish Republicans half the better on account of the difficulty of saying exactly what it means. Any way, the spirit which dictated the proposed joint resolution is good, and will be thoroughly approved by the greater portion of the American people.

At yesterday's meeting of the Board of Audit a communication was read from the proprietors of papers known as the New-York *Argus* and *Home Gazette* withdrawing their claims against the City for advertising, and protesting against the Board taking further action in the matter. As stated in THE TIMES of yesterday, these papers, of whose existence but few people were ever aware, claim from the City about $190,000 for corporation advertising. As we understand the matter, the legal representatives of the Board of Audit have been contesting in the courts the payment of the larger part, if not the whole of this sum. The attempt to reserve the claim is probably a result of the very objectionable bill introduced to the Legislature by "Mike" NORTON, for the purpose of legalising the advertising jobs of the Ring which have not yet been adjusted. The people have still a good deal to learn about the extent to which they have been swindled under cover of advertising claims. Meanwhile, they had better keep a sharp look-out upon schemers who want to get another million or so out of the Treasury for newspaper claims having no legal authority.

Where True Reform Should Be.

There are two cardinal facts which must be borne in mind in all discussions in reference to city reform: One is, that the great share of intelligence in this City will always be in the party of the minority, and the other, that this minority cannot be got to act, unless with some reasonable prospect of success. Take our uniform experience in the past. The small band of 30,000 Republicans have represented probably four-fifths of the wealth and character of the City population. Along with them, 20,000 of the Democracy, representing its more responsible elements, have occasionally acted; but it has only been a split in the ranks of our opponents which has enabled this small phalanx, along with their more decent Democratic allies, to get possession now and then of the City Government. The vast majority of people in the tenement-houses, besides the scum and rabble of the City, the landless, the ignorant, and the irresponsible, have almost uniformly thrown their votes on the side of the Democracy. Our City Government has been generally a government controlled by the poorest and most ignorant classes. The minority of intelligence and character have had no chance in it, and knowing that they had no chance, they have taken little part in politics. As a general thing, we have been ruled by those who have no interest in cheap government, and who are the tools of desperate politicians. This has been the great evil of the past, and this will continue to be the great evil of the future, under the present charter now being considered, or under any other charter which has been presented this session. Nothing will ever work right in this City while ignorance and poverty have more control in its affairs than intelligence, character, and property.

Our philosophical Reformers are in the habit of describing our City Government as essentially a "business administration," rather than a political one. They say, very justly, that the main things that we have to consider are business matters; interests such as the keeping down of taxation, the cleaning of the streets, the regulation of street traffic, the duties of the police, of the Board of Health, and the Board of Charity. They argue that to manage all these well, a good business organization is necessary. But who ever heard of a business organization where those who had most interest in the welfare of the property had least voice in its management?

What would Mr. VANDERBILT think of entering into a railroad corporation where he controlled twenty millions of the property, and a hundred other stockholders five millions, yet where each stockholder was allowed a single vote? What sort of a management should we have in our great joint stock factories if those who had least interest in their economy and success possessed most control?

Nor would it be a remedy for this evil if the future Mayor of the City had all the powers which the doctrinaires would give him. One would think that we had had no responsible Mayors in the past. But Mayor WOOD was responsible. Mayor HALL was responsible. Either of them could have been indicted or impeached. Either of them could have been exposed to "the finger of public scorn" for *malfeasance* in office. But they cared nothing about an impeachment. They were indifferent to the public opinion of the minority. Their object was to fill their pockets, or to advance their corrupt political schemes by the aid of the great ignorant majority. Why should not a Mayor Wood or a Mayor Hall rise up again in a few years? Is the Mayor likely to be any better than his constituents? Why should not a new Tweed appear who can offer places to a hundred thousand poverty-stricken followers, and control a subservient Board of Aldermen, made up of his own party, by means of immense bribery and corruption?

But we are told by the theorists to trust the general vote. We did trust it fifteen years ago, and it gave us Mayor WOOD. We trusted it more recently, and it gave us Mayor HALL and Mr. TWEED. We trusted it until the leaders robbed us of $30,000,000, made our taxes more than three per cent., and the name of our City "a by-word and a hissing," for bad government through all the world. If we continue to trust the majority as we have done in the past, we shall merely repeat the history of the past twenty years.

Our readers must never forget that the only bits of good government we have had during the past twenty years have been from the action of the "State Commissions," and the reason that these have been so successful has been that they represented the minority. They embodied in their management a certain proportion of the character and the responsible interests of the whole community. Unless the minority in the future of our City Government have a constant and permanent voice, we expect no lasting reform, and this whether we have an absolute Mayor or an absolute Board of Aldermen. The presence of the minority in our City Government is absolutely indispensable, not merely because they represent the character, intelligence, and property of the City, but because a check and watch are needed on the dominant party. Were the minority corrupt as the majority, they would never be likely to unite in the same jobs, and the one would counteract the other.

The first step toward minority representation has been made by providing in the new charter that no elector shall be entitled to vote for more than four of the six Aldermen elected on a general ticket, or for more than two of the three Aldermen elected from each senatorial district. This is an improvement upon the simple majority plan, but falls short of the cumulative method in giving due effect to the rights of the minority. Take an example: Say that the entire vote of a district is 15,000. Of this number, suppose that there are 10,000 of one way of thinking on local politics, and 5,000 of another. Obviously, the true representative system is that which enables the majority to elect two out of the three Aldermen allotted to such a constituency, and gives the minority a reasonable chance of obtaining the one representative to which their number entitles them. Under the system embodied in the charter, however, the minority would have no chance of electing an Alderman, and the majority could, by a little management, be as secure of electing all three Aldermen as if no restriction had been placed upon the use of their votes. For observe, the 10,000 electors have practically 20,000 votes to divide among three candidates, and if the party managers have their forces well in hand, they can so alterpate the three names upon their ballots that each candidate will come out with 6,666 votes or thereabout. Now, though in the same way the minority of 5,000 have practically 10,000 votes to dispose of, yet the one representative whom they are entitled to elect cannot get more than one vote from each of his supporters, and their second vote would simply be thrown away, unless bartered with some third party, which, in the case supposed, does not exist. Under this system, therefore, the candidate of a minority numbering one-third of a constituency might fall 1,670 votes short of the number required to secure an election, and a majority of two-thirds might easily have just as much power as if they were allowed to vote for all three candidates.

But suppose, instead of the plan of restricted voting, each elector should be entitled to cast as many votes as there are officers to be elected, and that he should be allowed to distribute these votes as he pleases. Under this system of cumulative voting, the majority of 10,000 would dispose of 30,000 votes, and the 5,000 electors constituting the minority would have at the service of their candidate 15,000 votes. The minority would be absolutely certain to elect their man, because the majority could only give the two candidates whom alone they could safely nominate 15,000 votes a piece. Of course, in practical politics, such calculations would be a good deal modified by various disturbing influences. They approach near enough to actual circumstances, however, to show that while the system of limiting the number of votes to be cast affords some protection to minorities, it falls a good deal short of absolute justice, and that the system of cumulative voting is the most intelligible and most equitable of the two ways of providing for proportional representation.

Life Insurance Questions.

Two correspondents have written to us with reference to our late discussions of life assurance, the one sustaining our positions from the point of view of "one who pays," and the other criticising them from evidently that of a life assurance agent. Dealing with the latter first, we have only to say that we have no quarrel to make with the class he seems to represent, and which he certainly befriends. We cannot, however, agree with him in the view that the agent, with his large commission, charged of course against the insured, and not against the life assurance company, is a necessary evil—or good, as he might put it. His employment is a makeshift, and is rather a witness to the weakness of the system, as at present practiced, than of its strength. If a mutual life assurance company was a selfish, money-making institution, the existence and importunity of the soliciting agent might be pardoned. But it is not. Such an association is, in theory at least, simply a combination of persons for their common benefit, and it is supposed that their agents, the officers whom they employ, will conduct its business solely for their, the insured's, benefit, and not for their own. Yet our correspondent seems unable to deny the fact as alleged by us that life assurance officers do, in some way or other, get very rich in the course of a few years, and that, too, when their nominal salaries, as compared with their observed expenses, are relatively small. For ourselves, we do not believe that life assurance agents are either a necessary good or a necessary evil. They may be of service to the company in the start, and be then indispensable to it, but once established, the society, like society in general, may well part with them. Moreover, our complaint was and still is that the whole scheme of compelling the insured, whether he wishes it or no, to pay a large yearly commission to an agent is altogether unjust. Not long ago, the leading company in the United States announced its intention to reduce its rate of premiums. Its actuary, an eminent mathematician, outside of the atmosphere and influences which surround those who are brought up in the life assurance interest, declared that the society could safely, by reason of its great strength, large experience, and extensive average, with entire justice to them, offer this advantage to its policy-holders. What was the result? The whole army of agents and office-holders of rival companies was immediately aroused and engaged in a struggle which, unfortunately for the public, proved successful to defeat the reduction. Their tone and manner of conducting the opposition certainly impressed us as those of men who looked on life assurance as a money-making business for the people "inside," and not an institution for the common good. No one can deny that if this company had dismissed its agents and retained its business, it could easily have made the reduction in premiums, and it very likely was the fear that that might be the ultimate consequence of its action, together with the terror inspired in rival companies whose business, conducted at higher rates, was in peril, that stirred up the opposition of the "life assurance interest"—that is, of the agents and officers of life companies.

We are aware that a mutual life assurance company is not a charitable institution—as, by the way, many an agent like our correspondent, who talks about his class conferring "a benefit on society," indirectly claims—but neither is it an institution for the support of agents and officers. It stands on a base with say trust companies and savings banks, and is removed in theory from the ordinary selfish and business undertaking, wherein a few principals engage for individual profit at the expense of others, and in return for services rendered. We fail to agree with our correspondent in thinking that, any more than one's tailor or shoemaker, he "confers a benefit on society" when he solicits and obtains a life policy. The commission which the company compels the assured to pay him is an ample reward for his trouble, and about it, and not any "benefit to society," is he thinking while he pursues his importunity. Perhaps the agent may be an honest and industrious person, but he cannot exact our sympathy or inspire our admiration as a missionary working in his neighbors' behalf.

The point made by our other correspondent, in favor of holding life assurance officers to a strict accountability, is a good one. One does not need to be very much of a cynic to say that people are apt to use more liberality with other people's money than with their own. Apropos of which one has only to walk down town, in the neighborhood of Wall-street, where on the one hand he may see great private banking-houses conducting their business in plain and substantial buildings, and on the other, large assurance companies reveling in magnificent structures, furnished by MARCOTTE. What the policy-holders in these mutual companies have a right to demand is a free, clear, and exhaustive yearly balance-sheet. What are the salaries of their officers? Do they, in addition to salary, receive commissions? If so, what is their total income from their companies? What do the agents each receive? To questions like these the policy-holders, who pay the money that supports the institution, should certainly have definite answers. At present they do not get them.

The Dangers of the Street.

Good Dr. WATTS has recorded, in what he regarded as legitimate rhymes, the painful fact that whenever he took his walks abroad, he was shocked by the frequent sight of hopeless poverty. The New-York Coroner, though he rarely condescends to walk, is greeted at almost daily intervals with the more harrowing sight of corpses. In addition to the large number of subjects for a Coroner's inquest which are furnished by our numerous and industrious murderers, the Coroner is perpetually called to sit upon the corpses of those unfortunates who have been killed by street accidents. The official records of the year show that no less than 256 persons were killed by accidents in the public streets during the year 1872. Few have any accurate idea of the liberality with which the opportunities for accidental death are distributed throughout the City, and the earnest disciple of MALTHUS cannot fail to appreciate the potency of these means for arresting the superfluous growth of our population.

Among the causes of death in the streets, the horse-railways are the most prolific. Fifty-seven persons were killed by their means in 1872. In nearly all instances, these were individuals for whose convenience the drivers did not think it worth while to stop the cars, or who, by reason of their presumed uselessness to the community, were permitted to ride upon the front platforms. Had these persons merely declined to patronize the horse-cars, they might still be living. The steam-railways on Fourth-avenue also did their share in the work, by killing thirty persons. It is well-known that the railway managers are much annoyed at the frequency with which their tracks are littered with mangled citizens, but they hold that when a person, living, say in One Hundred and Twenty-eighth-street, near Third-avenue, desires to cross to Fifth-avenue, and prefers to cross the Fourth-avenue track, instead of going down to Forty-second-street, and thus avoiding the path of the locomotive, he has no one but himself to blame, if an engineer declines to take the trouble to stop his train in time to avoid killing the rash adventurer. Carriages and wagons, driven at a fast rate, were responsible for the death of forty-one persons during the last year; but here again it is plainly evident that if the slaughtered citizens had kept on the sidewalk and not attempted to cross the roadway, they would have escaped injury. The New-Yorker who successfully avoids collision with car-wheels and carriages, falls down areas and into open excavations to a considerable extent—last year fifteen persons having thus compassed their deaths. Peevish fault-finders have pretended that had those areas and excavations been properly protected, no lives would have been lost by their means; but, on the other hand, it is urged that no man who stays at home is in the least danger of breaking his neck by falling into other people's pit-falls. The smooth coal-vault covers, such as those which decorate the sidewalk in front of the Park Hotel, and the other incidental hazards of bad pavements, induced forty-three persons to fall and fatally injure themselves in 1872. It is really unaccountable why people will go out and break their bones on slippery pavements, when they would be absolutely safe from such accidents by simply staying indoors. Of the twenty-seven men who killed themselves by falling off wagons, we have no further information, and are hence not in a position to judge whether they fell inadvertently, or with malicious intent to give trouble to the ambulance corps. Twenty-five people were killed in and about new buildings, chiefly by having stones and timbers dropped on them from above. No one supposes they were dropped purposely, and hence the failure of the victims to get out of the way was the sole cause of their misfortune. The much-abused horse, with remarkable self-restraint, kicked but eight persons to death, whereas in numerous instances, he would have been justified in making much wider slaughter among his tormentors. Finally, not to give more than a passing notice to the six men who fell off ladders and scaffolds, there remain of the 256 victims of street-accidents, the four persons who were blown into eternity by men engaged in blasting rocks; and of these it is quite clear that their death was due to their neglect to build bomb-proof houses and to keep under their protection day and night.

This interesting record shows very conclusively that, if a citizen does not use the horse-cars; if he avoids crossing the Fourth-avenue track or any street roadway; if he never walks on the flag-stones, or ventures within the neighborhood of new buildings, and if he keeps out of the reach of kicking horses and blasted rocks, by shutting himself up in his basement, he may entertain a reasonable hope of living to an advanced age without incurring much danger, except from disease, or from irritated murderers. If, on the contrary, he ventures into the streets, he does so at the peril of his life, unless, indeed, it should so happen that proper ordinances for the protection of people in the horse-cars and in the streets should be passed and enforced. To look for such measures as these would be, however, in the highest degree visionary, and the only safe course for the man who has not made his will and is not anxious for death, is to resolve never to venture beyond his door-step.

Railroad Legislation in New-Jersey.

The railroad managers, if we may judge from the reports of our correspondent, have virtually taken possession of the New-Jersey Legislature, and are clamoring for the passage of new bills, and amendments to old ones, with such vigor that business which has a greater interest for the tax-payers of the State stands a good chance of being neglected. In one day six railroad bills were introduced, the first being a supplement to the charter of the Morris and Essex Company, authorizing the construction of a road from the Boonton branch to Paterson, and of other branches; the second incorporates the Somerset and Atlantic Road, starting from a point at or near Sandy Hook, and running to some point in Somerset County, and from some other point in Monmouth County; the third incorporates the Burlington and Atlantic Road, from Tuckerton to some point on the Camden and Atlantic Road; the fourth incorporates the New-York and Pennsylvania Company, with a capital of $2,000,000, and permits the building of a road from the Delaware River, near Raven Rock, Hunterdon County, to New-Brunswick; the fifth incorporates the Philadelphia Road, with a capital of $10,000,000, to run from Camden to the Hudson River, and the sixth incorporates the Delaware and Atlantic Company, with a capital of $1,500,000, and gives power to construct a road from some point on the Delaware River, at or near Frenchtown, Hunterdon County, to some point near Sandy Hook, in Monmouth County. Now, we must be greatly mistaken in our opinion of the popular feeling in New-Jersey if it is not strongly opposed, on principle, to these several schemes, although some of them may be admitted to be worthy of favorable consideration. The people have been so accustomed to look with suspicion upon all legislation for railroads that they can have no confidence in any measure that does not bear unmistakable evidence of good faith. It would be exceedingly difficult to frame a "special" railroad bill that would completely disarm suspicion.

The bill which recently passed the lower House, and which provides for a road from New-York to Philadelphia, is the nearest approach to a "people's measure" that we have yet seen; but, popular as it appears to be, little or no difficulty was experienced in gaining currency for a rumor that the incorporators are merely figure-heads for certain rapacious speculators in the background. Meetings have been held in various parts of the State, favoring its passage through the Senate. But, considering the ease with which such expressions of public sentiment are procured, the significance of those in question may easily be overrated.

What the people really want, and what they will not be content without, is a general law that will permit any number of capitalists resident in the State to form companies and build railroads with as much freedom as is allowed in every other enterprise. A measure of this nature was introduced in the Senate a few days ago. It provides that companies may be formed, of not less than fifteen persons, with power to construct and operate railroads throughout the State; that each company shall be at liberty to make articles of association, in which shall be stated its name; the number of years it is to continue; the places from and to which its road is to be constructed; the length of the same; the name of each county through which it is to pass; the amount of capital stock, not less than $20,000 for every mile; the number of shares; the names and residences of the President, and not less than six of the directors, and the names and residences of the subscribers; that the articles shall be acknowledged in legal form, and, having been filed in the office of the Secretary of State, shall form a charter for the company; that the Secretary of State, before recording such articles, shall require affidavits to be furnished him from a majority of the directors setting forth that there has been paid to them in cash, $10,000 for every mile of the road; that after the stock has all been subscribed, and fifty per centum paid in, the company shall have all the powers of a corporation created by special act; that the lands shall be purchased from the owners by the company direct, but in the event of a disagreement, the price shall be determined by Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court; that whenever a railroad crosses a public highway, it shall be above or below grade; that the construction of all roads shall be commenced within six months from the date of the recording of the articles; that when a road is not to exceed fifty miles, one track must be finished within two years; that the capital stock may be increased to the extent of $70,000 per mile, by a vote of the stockholders; that each company shall pay city and town taxes on all its property except one hundred feet in width of the road-bed; that a State tax of one-half per cent. shall be paid on the capital stock, and that the toll shall not exceed two and a half cents per mile for passengers, three cents per ton for first-class freight, and two cents for all other kinds.

Some of the correspondents assert that this measure has been introduced in the interest of the Pennsylvania Railroad, in order to "kill off" the "people's bill" before referred to. It is rather a crude production, it is true, and will admit of much alteration and amendment; but for the present we see no reason to doubt the honesty of its author. A similar measure has been prepared by a member of the House, and out of the two it is possible that one good one can be made. However, if there is any intention to "fight one against the other," the object can be very plainly seen, and the members of both Houses will be held accountable by their constituents.

Jobs in France.

"Believe me," said ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, "I speak from experience, and the more you say the less people will remember." It must be on this principle that certain apologists for jobs have lately been talking in the French Chamber of Deputies. Unhappily, there *are* jobs to be got through the French Legislature, even under a Republic. Prince BISMARCK'S speculative friends at Berlin have their prototypes at Paris. What seems most odd, however, in the latter city, is that men, supposed to be chosen as law-makers for their superior merit, should be so astoundingly ignorant as late debates show many of them to be. The particular storm of thought-concealing words to which we just now refer related to the carriage of the French mails between Calais and Dover. It may be as well to show that they do not, of necessity, order these things better in France.

Some months ago the French Government ceded the contract for carrying their mails—that is, those going from France—to a certain company headed by two gentlemen, MM. MAGNIER and DUMONT. The qualifications of MM. MAGNIER and DUMONT appear to have been, first, that they had no experience whatever of the business they undertook; second, that they had no facilities whatever to perform it, and third, that they were respectively the editor and manager of the *Evenement* newspaper. This being so, the whole thing naturally worked splendidly—only it was on the *lucus a non lucendo* principle. In other words, the mails either did not go at all, or were so slow and unreliable that the public began to refuse to trust them, and to depend either on the telegraph or the express. Finally, an inquisitive gentleman began to ask questions in the Chamber. At first he was suppressed in the usual order, but he refused to remain so, and returned again and again to the charge. Thus, at last, it has come out that the enterprising company led by MM. MAGNIER and DUMONT, started in trade not only without any packet-boats, even to the extent of a steam-launch, wherewith to cross the channel, but without any other means, down to the smallest detail, of carrying out their contract. After a time, indeed, they bought some old, cast-off tubs owned by an English company, and which took exactly thrice the time to cross the Channel that ordinary passenger boats do. Having so far perfected their means of transportation, these enterprising worthies actually got a bill into the Chamber—and came, too, within an ace of passing it—to compel all people traveling from France to go by these crazy, rotten hulks of theirs, or, put in another shape, to spend six hours in crossing the Channel instead of two. This precious bill also contemplated obliging all through passengers to London to go by a particular railroad, the proprietors of which were, of course, to make it worth while for MM. MAGNIER and DUMONT to grind their ax for them. The cream of the joke is, that it came out in debate that many of the deputies seriously believed that the Chamber could really so oblige people to go by an arbitrarily designated line after they should have arrived in England. Happily, this amazing exhibition of ignorance forced a discussion which resulted in this particular "rake" of the contractors being frustrated. When, however, the attempt was made to look into their contract, and ferret out the terms on which a "divide" had been agreed on with the Government officials, determined and energetic struggles were made by their partisans to cover these patriotic conspirators from impending detection. Thus it was that the principle of ST. FRANCIS was adopted, with the hope that if the apologists could only be allowed to babble long enough, nobody would ever remember a bit about the real purpose or intent of the debate.

For all this, enough has come out for us at a distance to discern that the magnates of the Republic have not been above having anchors to windward with the Press and, moreover, that officials under M. THIERS are not of very different clay from those who served under NAPOLEON III. We are likewise put in a position to [illegible] competitive examinations, by way of preliminary to admission to the legislative body, might be a good thing for them to think about in Paris. Some of the honorable gentlemen from the rural districts display, in this debate, a degree of mental darkness hardly less Cimmerian than the Kentish rustics of the time of Waterloo, who believed that the dreaded "Boney" subsisted on stews, of which the chief components were English babies.

SUMMARY OF AMUSEMENTS.

Dramatic and Musical.

Mr. Sothern's admirable playing in "David Garrick" commands increased attention, and it is unlikely the bill will be changed at Wallack's for some time to come. *David Garrick* is, to our minds, by all odds this capital comedian's best part. The finish of the acting in the piece is in general worthy of all praise, and we are glad that theatre-goers should continue to have the chance to study and enjoy it. Mr. Gilbert's [illegible] is very well done in its way, [illegible] The very subordinate parts are [illegible] the case with any piece, the performance would be acted on mimicry, and the finest points of character would escape after all, and be conveyed by Mr. Sothern with exquisite skill, and convey a lesson wasted for other persons than those about us not. The *Ada* of Miss Rogers has also become a fine study, and bespeaks liking and respect because of the lady's obvious sympathy with the romantic attachment it is her province to depict. All the world admires a feeling of this kind—possibly because of its rarity; and none regard such a feeling with higher esteem than those who are incapable of it themselves. It is worthy of note that the two pieces which just now attract the lion's share of attention in New-York both have for their central motive a passion, no less profound and steadfast for being girlish, founded in imagination and fancy rather than judgment, and, for a long time, to all appearance, absolutely hopeless. *Alice* and *Ada Ingot* share these heart-phases in common, and the charm of both creations springs from their tender and generous abandonment to that passion of which the poet says, and Emerson approves the saying, "All other pleasures are not worth its pains." In truth, both these fresh young children of nature carry a heavy load of pain as the price of the sweet madness they cherish—albeit one comes to the goal of happiness over roses and velvet, the other, like poor drowned *Ophelia*, to death in the bitter waters; but, for all that, their teaching is the same. And it is because they show, in the light of trusting youth and spotless purity, the noblest emotion of which humanity is capable, because they testify to the beauty and power of fidelity to an exalting sentiment, that they stir the heart to its utmost depths, and make even callous men and women of the world applaud them through their tears. There may be little else in common in the two pictures, but they are at least alike in that. To-morrow, Mr. Florence is to appear [illegible] "No Thoroughfare," resuming a favorite part with him in *Obenreizer*. No other changes of bill call for notice at the remaining theatres.

ITALIAN OPERA.

The Italian Opera Company, conducted by Mr. MAX MARETZEK, opened a Spring season on Friday with Donizetti's "Favorita." It is not too much to say that the performance was one of unexpected excellence. The people who have contracted the habit—not without provocation—of going away from the Academy after an opera in a state of discontent, were on this occasion really pleased. Of course, the *Leonora* of Mme. Lucca is recognized as one of the finest lyric creations of the time, and, barring any accidental physical disability, the merits of the chief feature of Donizetti's work was thus assured. But Signori Vizzani, Sparapani, and Jamet were all above the average in excellence, and that in a measure looked for by few, and there was thus a completeness in the opera, at least so far as the principals went, as unusual as it was delightful. Yesterday afternoon "Don Giovanni" was sung, and Miss Kellogg made her re-entrance, Mme. Lucca and Mlle. Levielli also appearing in the cast. The American prima donna was cordially welcomed, and so was Signor Ronconi, who likewise made his first bow for the season. Signori Morianni, Ceslon, Jamet, and Vizzani assumed the other chief male rôles, and the opera was sung to the satisfaction of a very fine house. To-morrow "Faust" is to be heard, and on Wednesday "Mignon."

Home Gossip.

Miss Neilson acts this week in St. Louis. ....Mme. Anna Bishop sang on Friday week in Philadelphia, and her admirable performances delighted a large audience. She was assisted by Mr. Louis G. Gottschalk, whose debut in Philadelphia was very successful, and most of whose numbers were encored; and by Mr. Frank Gilder, pianist.... Miss Lizzie Gale is the leading lady of the Columbus (Ohio) Opera-house, and a great favorite.... Joseph Barrett, a brother of Lawrence Barrett, died in St. Louis on Feb. 21.... As we chronicle mentions that, by the recent burning of the old Concert Hall in New-Bedford, last week, Mr. John Fletcher, a retired actor, who occupied a room in the building, was deprived of his accustomed haunts. Mr. Fletcher, the paper adds, was born in the Tower of London, and commenced his career on the stage in this country with Thomas Barry, in 1831. He starred for seven years through all the theatres that were then built in the United States, the Canadas, and the West Indies, and finally became manager of the Old Chatham Theatre, of New-York, in its palmiest days. He has written a history of his adventures, with many amusing anecdotes and hair-breadth escapes from shipwreck, cholera, yellow fever, and West India earthquakes. He added thereto his observations on mankind in general, from many years' experience as a lecturer upon phrenology. He had bills of every theatre he had played in, and these were completely destroyed. He himself barely escaped with his life from the building when it took fire, and had only time to snatch his clothing and dress himself in the street. He lost everything he had, his furniture, watch, library of valuable books, and all his money, which was in his desk. More valuable than all, as it cannot be replaced, was a journal of his eventful life as an actor of over fifty years' experience, which he had been many years compiling, and had just made arrangements to publish.... Mrs. D. P. Bowers was last week at the New-Orleans Academy of Music, and the Alcazar Opera Bouffe Troupe at the New-Orleans Varieties.... Miss Charlotte Thompson was last week at Wood's Theatre, in Cincinnati.... Mr. Jamieson was last week at Ford's Opera-house, in Washington, and Miss Cushman will act there this week.... Mr. J. T. Raymond reappeared at the Boston Globe on Monday, in "Only a Jew."....Miss Maggie Mitchell was at Ford's Grand Opera-house, in Baltimore.... Miss Lizzie Weston and her troupe were at the Cincinnati Varieties.... The English Opera Troupe was last week in Utica.... A Rubinstein concert occurred Monday in Peoria.... Thursday, Mr. Edwin Adams was in Reading, Penn.... Mr. Lawrence Barrett was last week in Charleston.... Mr. Dominick Murray and the "Fifth-avenue Theatre Company" were in St. Louis.... Mr. Edwin Booth was last week at McVicker's Theatre in Chicago.... Thomas' concerts took place in Chicago last week.... Miss Coombs was in Cleveland.... Miss Agnes Ethel was at the Walnut-street Theatre, in Philadelphia.

Foreign Gossip.

Mme. Arabella Goddard has given her farewell concert in London, previous to departing for Australia.... The London papers announce the death of Mrs. Charles Selby, sister of Miss Maria B. Jones, the leading soprano of Drury-lane Theatre. Miss Jones played in [illegible] Lady of the Lake in the last production, at

Drury-lane, and was to have played the principal part in the "Corsican Brothers" which is to be performed at that theatre.... M. Offenbach has engaged the Gymnase to be the festival of "Agnes," and is called "Andrea."

M. Verger, late manager of the Paris Italiens, has failed for 450,000 francs. *Galignani* adds to this news the following: "Some hopes had been entertained that the Italiens might be again opened to the fashionable world during the present season, but the negotiations entered into by M. Lefort to obtain the Salle Ventadour have not succeeded. The whole of this affair has turned out unfortunately for the director, for the subscribers, who have lost the money which they paid for their boxes and stalls, and for the unfortunate chorus-singers, who are thrown out of employment at a most difficult moment of the year. We understand, however, that by the care of the Government these last have received eighty per cent. of the money due to them."....Herr Bandmann and his wife were acting in "Hamlet" at the Princess' Theatre, in London.....Mme. Trebelli-Bettini has been singularly unsuccessful at the Pagliano Theatre, Florence. She sang in the rôle of *Leonora*, in "Favorita," and the opera was brought to a close amid the noisiest demonstrations of disapproval. In the eyes of the *dilettanti* of London, Mme. Trebelli holds the highest rank....*Galignani* supplies the following: "It is reported that Mr. Bennett-Bond, Manager of the Comedia Theatre, at Milan, applied to M. Dumas for permission to play his 'Femme de Claude' in Italy, and that gentleman wrote a letter giving his consent on certain conditions, but letter ranging thus:

"Only half these terms are real, that is one of them was. I never had a thousand francs in my pocket, or expected to. Mr. Bennett, when you receive this letter, will you please to send me a couple of hundred francs at your disposal for 5,000 francs. That is all I require for a month's pays me, provided the time no longer. Somebody said Yours truly, ALEXANDRE DUMAS.

This letter is assuredly not very graceful in its tone, and when he said "hasn't he always given me a part in spoke not only for himself, but for his favorable colleagues. The letter caused a most hostile manifestation at the Theatre del Corso, at Bologna, a few nights back. The bills announced the "Signora della Camelia," or, as it is better known, the "Dame aux Camélias." The audience protested against the insolent letter of M. Dumas by a tempest of hisses and cries as soon as the curtain rose, and to such an extent that the manager had to come forward and announce that the piece would be withdrawn and the "Vérita" of Torelli substituted, a statement which was received with vociferous applause. Furthermore, the Italians talk of revenging themselves still further by no more performing, in any city, the "Dame aux Camélias," "Princesse Georges," "Demi-Monde," &c. What will M. Dumas care for that, since he has never received any money for them from the Italian managers?....The *Paris Mail Gazette* says: It is doubtful if M. Offenbach has added much to his reputation as a composer by the production of "Les Braconniers," a piece which is now being played at the Théâtre des Variétés. The music is gay, sparkling, and full of effects, but it is the music which we have already had a dozen times over in "La Grande Duchesse," "La Belle Hélène," and his other burlesques. So far can it be said that he has been well seconded by MM. Chivot and Duru, to whose words the music has been set. The plot is badly put together, for, though several of the situations are amusing enough, there is a want of homogeneousness, which detracts very materially from the interest of the piece. Most of the scenes centres upon and around *Bastamagnac*, the chief of the "poachers" who have scattered terror among the preserves of the *Comte de Campstroux*, governor of Bizorre. *Bastamagnac* is in reality a young lady, *Mlle. de Bragues*, whose father has been unjustly deprived of the property upon which he counts, the *Governor of Bigorre*, is residing. The daughter and her foster sister, *Mlle. Nais Ginetta*, succeeds in escaping from the toils of the garde-champêtre, and the various expedients and disguises which this pair adopt to elude pursuit are a source some very amusing scenes, and enable M. Offenbach to give currency to several of his favorite melodies. It need scarcely be added that everything terminates happily. The son of the *Comte de Campstroux* has made the acquaintance of *Mlle. de Bragues*, while she was hiding, and when her father wins the lawsuit which he had instituted and dispossesses the temporary holder, she marries the son, and they live happily ever afterward. The lovers of realism may, perhaps, regret that the opportunity was not taken to introduce a scene with the poachers busy at their work, followed by a hand-to-hand combat between them and the gendarmes, victory, of course, resting with defenders of law and order.....The St. Petersburgh correspondent of the London *Daily Telegraph* writes as follows respecting the Italian Opera in that city: "The present musical season has been the most brilliant on record, owing to the extraordinary success achieved by Mme. Adelina Patti. Christine Nilsson has not been without admirers, but there can be no question that Mme. Patti has carried off by far the highest honors of the campaign. The greatest triumph of this most gifted artist has been her performance of *Violetta* in "Dame aux Camélias." It is difficult to imagine the enthusiasm evoked by this wonderful display of vocal and histrionic excellence. I assure you that I do not exaggerate in the slightest degree when I state that, on the night when I was present, Mme. Patti was summoned before the curtain during and after the performance upward of fifty times, to acknowledge the enthusiastic congratulations of an audience that packed the theatre to overflowing. The Press here is unanimous in its praise of this most remarkable performance; and M. de Lens, the able critic of the *Journal de St. Petersburg*, wrote a long article speaking in the most glowing terms of the immense success achieved by the inspired artist. So little inclined are the people in the Russian capital to part with their adopted favorite, that a large sum has been agreed to be paid by the Government to M. Strepetch in consideration for deferring Mme. Patti's American engagement."

A HUGO REVIVAL.

Writing from Paris on Feb. 10, the correspondent of the London *Daily Telegraph* thus recounts the incidents of the revival of "Marion Delorme:" "After several postponements, the *reprise* of Victor Hugo's 'Marion Delorme' has at last lent fresh lustre to the brilliant annals of the Théâtre Français. Not only have fabulous prices been offered, asked, and given for seats for the *première* of 'Marion Delorme,' but stories are afloat of boxes having been let for a considerable term, merely or chiefly in order to secure an incontestable right of assisting at the great theatrical solemnity. The strange, eventful history of the tragedy has contributed to enhance the interest of the present revival. No idea of the brilliant assemblage which was gathered to-night within the walls of the finest dramatic theatre in the world could be given without naming almost all the celebrities who are in this metropolis. During the four long *entr'actes* a constant procession of celebrities in every department of art promenaded the sumptuous *foyer* and the long gallery, which, with its busts of celebrated dramatists, is familiar to all the civilized classes in Europe. Among those present were M. Schneider, the Lord Lieutenant-President of the Senate; Mme. Ratazzi, Prince Sagan, M. Jules Simon, M. Louis Blanc, M. Villemessant, M. Francois Hugo, and innumerable Deputies. Victor Hugo himself is still in Guernsey. Every part of the house was crammed, and even the approaches to the theatre were crowded by people who were unable to get tickets. When the curtain rose on the first act, the admirably painted scene of *Marion's* bedchamber at Blois gave earnest of the splendid artistic triumphs which throughout the evening delighted the eyes of all spectators; and the costumes were as sumptuous as the scene. M. Delaunay, who impersonated the gallant *Marquis de Saverny*, dressed in white satin doublet, purple velvet hose, and crimson mantle, looked the bright young dashing cavalier to the life. Nothing could be more elegant than his demeanor when dismissed by the courtesan, who is impatiently waiting for her plebeian lover. The difficult part of *Didier* is undertaken by M. Mounet-Sully, a young tragedian, who, since he first appeared at the Français, has sustained a series of important characters with such success as to have brought about a revived taste for the classic drama. He has every physical qualification for a great actor—a handsome face; large, full, expressive eyes; a lithe, graceful figure; intense earnestness, and a rich, musical voice of remarkable pliability and compass. His first speech to *Marion*, a tremulous declaration of passionate love, was spoken with such exquisite cadence as to excite perpetual murmurs of applause. His voice lent itself with equal felicity to the scorn expressed by the embittered misanthrope for the entire world. Mlle. Favart is not specially adapted to exhibit the charm of *Marion Delorme* in this opening scene, but she made full amends by her splendid acting in the later acts. The second scene, representing the public square at Blois with the castle in the background, was another triumph of decorative art, and the groups of nobles scattered about the tavern door, dressed in sumptuous costumes and admirably got up, looked every man of them like real gentlemen. They all, moreover, spoke the lines with admirable point, as they sat and caroused, or walked and disputed, they made a series of groups which Meissonnier might put upon his smallest canvas without a hair's breadth of added refinement. M. Got gave marked significance to the part of the King's buffoon, *L'Angely*, who lends his sword for the duel between *Saverny* and *Didier*, whose arrest brings the act to a striking conclusion. The third act takes place in a park scene, which, as a specimen of stage painting, is quite equal to either of its predecessors. As the curtain rose, the audience burst into a shout of involuntary applause—an unusual tribute in a French theatre. Here several characters make their appearance for the first time—among others *Laffemas* the *lieutenant-criminel*, or gentleman-executioner of the Cardinal de Richelieu, exceedingly well played by M. Febvre, whose surcoat make-up and quiet, stern manner are equally suited to a very uncongenial part. The party of strolling players, among whom *Marion* and *Didier* have concealed themselves, were clad in singularly picturesque costumes. Mlle. Thiron as Cogquelin the younger were especially diverting. Several of the strolling actors have some speeches to deliver, but they one and all acquitted themselves of their tasks with rare elocutionary skill. In this act Mlle. Favart began to show of what metal she is made. When *Marion*, in her new capacity of actress, is called upon to give a proof of her talent, she repeats the celebrated speech of *Chimène*, and here Mlle. Favart proved herself a true artist in abandoning the chance of a vulgar *coup de théâtre*, that she might convey the woman's tremulous anxiety for her lover's safety. The fourth act, which takes place in the superb *salle des gardes* of the Château de Chambord, brings on the scene Louis XIII., in the person of M. Bressant. The high-bred, nonchalant manner of this accomplished actor is happily fitted to the character of the trifling monarch, whose vacillation and perfidy, whose jealousy, fear, and cruelty, were brought out with unexaggerated but elaborate ease. The dignified appeals of the venerable *Marquis de Nangis*, for the life of his nephew, were declaimed with such noble force by M. Maubant, as to bring down a tempest of applause; while the heart-broken, hysterical supplications of Mlle. Favart moved the audience to tears. In the last act, played in the courtyard of the prison of Beaugency, whose gloomy towers frown across the scene, the three principal actors, Mlle. Favart, M. Delaunay, and M. Mounet-Sully, all did their best. The latter, it is true, somewhat overdid the violent tirades, but his glorious voice gave superb effect to the grand lines on the immortality of the soul. The force of expressive elocution could no further go. Nor could the high-bred self-possession of a nobleman in presence of death be more gracefully depicted than by M. Delaunay, who in appearance and manner looked the youth of gentle blood to the life. But Mlle. Favart made the play her own. Before was a touch of genius in her vivid thrill of horror at, when she first sees on Tess from the embrace of a man she loathes, and from whom she has bought her lover's life, she covers her face with her hands, and hisses out the words, 'Se lèvre est un fer rouge et mon tous marques.' As Kemble said of Keah, 'she was terribly in earnest' in her supplications to *Didier* to escape with her, and on his refusal, there was something fearful in the wildness of her despair. The extraordinarily original climax of the play, familiar to all readers of French literature—the lately crowded stage left all at once empty, save for the woman who has swooned upon the ground—the absolute silence—the intolerable slowness of the accomplishment of the execution, when the great gates are thrown open, the Cardinal's red palanquin, closely curtained, is carried out, and *Marion*, restored to sudden consciousness, shrieks to the people who rush in: 'Regardez tous! voilà l'homme rouge qui passe!'—was the signal for a demonstration to which French theatres are habitually strange. It was, indeed, from first to last, a most remarkable performance—the finest and most complete in the characters and details that I have ever witnessed, even at the Français."

FINE ARTS.

The Van Elten Collection—New Pictures—Notes.

A collection of paintings by Mr. Kruseman Van Elten, in oil and water colors, has been on exhibition at the Somerville Gallery during the week. Mr. Van Elten, who is a member of several of the foreign academies, is, we understand, about to return to Europe, and has therefore decided to dispose of his entire collection by auction. There are 163 works in all, of which sixteen are in water colors. Two or three of the larger pictures, as "The Grove in the Heath, Holland," and "Midday in the Heath Fields," have, we believe, been exhibited at the Academy of Design and received favorable notice. The first named is perhaps the best picture in the collection, showing more strength of foreground, a purer color, and better atmospheric effects than any of the others, and next to this we should place "Midday in the Heath Fields." "A Cloudy Day, Lake Henderson," is also good, though not in Mr. Van Elten's usual style. "Esopus Creek, with Cattle," is a fairly-worked out composition, showing careful study and good color. The remainder of the collection comprises a variety of subjects and effects, among the most notable of which are "The Hudson River at West Point," "View of Gloucester Bay," "The Rapids, White Mountains," "Farm Yard, Holland," "Lake Henderson, Autumn"—a strong picture; "Misty Morning on the Coast of Massachusetts," "Sunset, Lake Champlain," "Indian Harbor," "The Coming Storm," and "Lake Mohawk." The collection proves Mr. Van Elten to have been a diligent student and a conscientious workman. He has sought variety in his subjects and effects, and has reproduced what he saw faithfully and conscientiously, sparing, we are quite sure, neither his time nor his labor. The collection, most certainly, is one that Mr. Van Elten may be proud of, and out of it may be picked at least fifty pictures that any buyer might be glad to own. In water-colors Mr. Van Elten is scarcely so much at home as in oils. There are one or two specimens in this medium, however, that are very pleasing, and show considerable power. If Mr. Van Elten's genius never carries him above a certain level, he rarely sinks below it, and thus those who fear, as a general thing, to trust their own judgment in the purchase of works of art may feel assured, in selecting from this collection, that they will certainly get conscientious studies of nature by one capable of appreciating her beauties, and possessed of the requisite technical skill to reproduce them in a pleasing and artistic manner.

The entire collection will be sold on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday next.

F. H. J.

MR. WM. HART'S SKETCHES.

We have unintentionally omitted to notice heretofore the series of sketches made by Mr. William Hart during his usual autumnal visit to the country. They are about thirty in number, and comprise a great variety of scenes and effects. Two particularly strike us as being most careful studies of the grander forest growths, so rapidly disappearing around us. Mr. Hart has evidently devoted both time and labor to the work he had set himself, and he may well feel satisfied with the result. Both his sketches and studies are a decided advance on those of previous years.

Among his recently-finished pictures we notice "The Coming Storm"—a river, with cattle crossing a bridge, a stretch of heathy foreground, some dark woodlands on the right, a range of mountains in the background, and storm clouds looming over all. This, we believe, is the last work finished by Mr. Hart, and in some respects it is the best. In none of his previous efforts have we observed more purity of color, more effective distribution of lights and shade, or more strength of effect than in this. It has been somewhat altered since we first saw it, and, we think, decidedly for the better. We also observe in Mr. Hart's studio a charming series of compositions in black and white, intended for the exhibition at the Academy of Design, but unavoidably delayed beyond the day of admission. We have seen nothing in this style more worthy of note than Mr. Hart's.

MR. T. L. SMITH.

Mr. Smith has just finished the two largest works he has yet executed, "Autumn" and "Winter," on which he has been employed during a large portion of the past and present year. Both represent woodland scenery—the heart of the forest—such as one may still find in the interior and the Western portion of this State. Both are alike distinguished for firm and correct drawing, crispness of foliage, and purity of color. Mr. Smith has made this class of subjects almost his own, and has spent more time on these studies than most artists devote to a much larger range of scenes. The result, however, has proved very satisfactory to Mr. Smith, for his two pictures have been purchased by a Boston millionaire at a high figure.

SOMES.

Marshall Wood's statue entitled "The Song of the Shirt," is on exhibition at Tiffany's, with a bust of the Princess of Wales. To the undoubted merits of the first we referred at length some time ago.

The exhibition of the Palette Association will open at the Somerville Gallery on the 6th of March. It will include statuary as well as paintings in oil and water colors.

Godfrey N. Frankenstein, a landscape artist, better known in the West than here, died at Springfield, Ohio, recently.

Some time ago the Palette Association appointed a committee to solicit contributions in the shape of paintings, &c., from artists and others, in aid of the family of the late D. O'C. Townley. The committee are earnestly at work now collecting contributions. All communications in reference to the matter may be addressed to Max F. Eller, who is chairman of the committee, either at the Palette Rooms or at his office, No. 294 Broadway.

AUTHOR AND CRITIC.

Mr. Charles Reade's Action for Libel—The Cost of an Unfavorable Critique.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1873.

Mr. Charles Reade, the novelist and dramatist, "doctor of civil law, fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, and barrister of Lincoln's Inn," (as he is fond of reminding the world,) is known to be rather a peppery gentleman. To differ from him on any question, is to prove yourself a miserable idiot; if you will not admire every line he writes, your moral character must be as hopelessly decayed as your mental understanding; and if you go so far as to criticise him offensively, you become a scoundrel of the deepest dye. A correspondent of the *Athenæum* pointed out the other day that several passages from one of Swift's poems had been inserted bodily (and done into prose) in Mr. Reade's latest novel, *The Wandering Heir*. The correspondent might have added, but did not, that the greater part of the story is taken from the report of a famous trial. Mr. Reade was down on the poor correspondent in his usual style, denouncing him as a "scurrilous skunk," who had attacked a great man either to gratify a base professional jealousy or for hire. It turned out that the correspondent was a lady living quietly in the country, who is not one of the *Athenæum's* writers, and has no connection with literature whatever. Mr. Reade yesterday appeared in the Court of Common Pleas as plaintiff in an action for libel against the *Morning Advertiser*—the organ of the licensed victualers, who all take it in because it is their own property. Not long since Mr. Reade took it into his head to dramatise one of Mr. Anthony Trollope's novels, "Ralph," which was produced at the Gaiety under the title of "Shilly-Shally." Mr. Trollope was then in Australia, and was very much disgusted that such a use should be made of his book without his consent or knowledge; and wrote to the newspapers protesting against the liberty Mr. Reade had taken. It was not a good acting piece, and did not take very well. The critics spoke unfavorably of it, and especially blamed the coarseness and indelicacy of some of the dialogue. The *Times* said there were three passages which were positively indecent. The *Telegraph* made a similar charge, and so did the *Morning Advertiser*, and Mr. Reade pitched upon the *Advertiser* in order to make an example of it. The critic had suggested that decent people should have hissed down the wretched *double entendres* of the piece, and this was made the ground of an action for libel. Mr. Reade appeared as a witness. He denied that there was a good deal of kissing and love-making in the play, although there was in the novel. In the novel a young fellow kisses his sweetheart while smoking a pipe; in the play there is only one kiss—a kiss of betrothal. An example of the process of collaboration was given: "The seashore is the place for billing and cooing; a girl turns like butter when you get her by the briny." "Turns like butter" is Trollope, and "get her by the briny," Reade. The passage about a woman's smock which was pointed out as offensive, Reade justified as innocent. "We authors," he said, "are surprised by blackguards in the gallery putting an indecent meaning on the dialogue, and a blackguard in a newspaper is very much like a blackguard in the gallery." Mr. Reade's solicitor wrote to the *Advertiser*: "Mr. Reade has made inquiries, and traced these libels to a trade confederacy, acting in concert, and with private instruction;" but he himself admitted, in the witness-box, that this was too strong. Several of the dramatic critics on the London Press are also dramatists, and Mr. Reade attributes all unfavorable criticisms to jealous rivalry. The *Times'* notice was written, he said, by a "little scrub," who was sent in place of Mr. Oxenford, the regular critic. For the defense, Col. Bates Richards, the editor of the *Advertiser*, and author of the play of "Cromwell," recently produced in answer to Mr. Wills' "Charles I," went into the box and denied that that there was any personal feeling against Mr. Reade, or that any instructions were ever given to a critic to take a particular line in what he wrote. Mr. Richard Lee, the critic, took the entire responsibility of the criticism, and said he wrote it without communication with any one, and without any personal feeling. He was much disgusted with the coarseness of the play. Mr. Lee is a dramatist, and had a piece called "Ordeal by Touch," brought out by Mrs. Scott-Siddons last year. He has written other plays, and when he said none had been accepted by the managers, the counsel on the other side sarcastically wished him better luck. The jury, to the surprise of every one, returned a verdict for £200. Whether the criticism was or was not fully justifiable, the damages are considered excessive. Mr. W. S. Gilbert threatens an action against another paper for having printed a letter from a correspondent, in which his "Wicked World" was described as coarse and indecent.

F. H. J.

A Flowing Cataract Frozen—An Extraordinary Story of the Effects of Cold.

From the Frankford (Philadelphia) Herald, March 1.

On Friday evening of last week, after the heavy rain which continued during the greater part of that day, the dam breast of the stream which supplies the Progmoor Mills, owned by Garsed Brok., showed on the breast a depth of eighteen inches of water. Some idea of the velocity with which the torrent was passing over the falls may be conceived from the following statement, that from an accurate calculation, there were 40,000 cubic feet of water passing over per minute. On Saturday morning this volume of water was frozen on the slope of the falls in fantastic shape as though transfixed, and turned to stone while leaping in the air, and at the top of the breast it formed a level parapet of solid ice over twelve inches high, and sloping inward very slightly, thus raising the water in the dam that much higher, and forming a barrier of ice which remained until 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, when it gradually began to give way. During the entire night (Friday) the wind was blowing from the north-west very steadily, though the thermometer did not show any sudden decrease of temperature; in fact there have been many colder nights during the Winter. The only scientific explanation is, that the wind must have blown the water back, or held it in check until it was frozen, and yet the wind was not blowing against the face as indicated by the points of the compass, and the direction of the dam breast in a straight line, which is almost due east and west.

A Hen's Guard.

A correspondent of the Brunswick (Me.) *Telegraph* relates the following: A hen and large flock of chickens were in the habit of coming round our north back door, and were rather troublesome. One day Miss C. put out a favorite cat, saying, "There, Julia, if you can catch one of these chickens you shall have the whole of it." No sooner said than done—the chicken was caught and eaten. The hen came as usual next day with her chickens, but never after that day did she come without the company of another hen, which invariably took her position between the hen and chickens and the house-door, and marched like any faithful sentinel back and forward in the space. If the cat made her appearance, she would fly at her, and drive her away with such vigor the cat was glad to run. "Julia" never got another of those chickens. Now how did this mother hen communicate and make the other hen comprehend her loss and the service she required? This is simple fact.

Death of an Eminent Philadelphian.

Thomas McEuen, M. D., a prominent member of the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences, died at his home in that city on Thursday. The deceased was the son of a revolutionary soldier, and was born in Philadelphia Dec. 18, 1799. He graduated from the Departments of Arts and of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania, and soon after visited Europe, where he remained for several years, and became well versed in the French, Spanish, and Italian languages. He became one of the members of the Academy of Natural Sciences at an early date in its history, and was one of its most active members. Although he possessed a general knowledge of all physical sciences, he devoted his attention more particularly to those of botany and ornithology, and helped to collect and prepare many specimens in the ornithological collection at the academy. Dr. McEuen was one of the original trustees of the Girard College, and was a member of the American Philosophical Society, and of the Franklin Institute. At the time of his death, he was President of the Society of the Cincinnati, and Secretary General of the National Society. He had lived in retirement for many years immediately preceding his death, owing to ill health, but devoted his time to study.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

Suicide—Loss of a Vessel and All on Board.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—This evening Robert Irvine, salesman for Heilas & Co., of this city, went into a saloon and called for a drink, which was given to him, when he took a package of powder from his pocket, poured it into the glass, saying it was a sedlitz powder, drank the mixture, and died in a few minutes. The powder proved to be strychnine.

Advices from Victoria state—that the steamer George S. Wright is supposed to have been lost near Cape Caution, a few days since, with all on board—eighteen or twenty souls.

Portions of the wreck have been picked up on the beach, one of which contained the name of the steamer. The cause of the disaster may never be known.

Lee H. Quong, of Sacramento, Chinese merchant and court interpreter, was cruelly murdered in that city to-day by one of his countrymen. The murderer escaped.

THE WEATHER.

Synopsis and Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, March 2—1 A. M.—The barometer has risen, but is now again falling in the Middle and Eastern States, being lowest in the Gulf States. North-east winds, rain, and snow have prevailed on Saturday, from the Ohio Valley to the Gulf and South Atlantic coasts. An area of high barometer, with cold weather, has advanced eastward over the Missouri Valley. Rising barometer and clear weather, with northerly winds, have prevailed in California. The temperature has risen at all stations east of the Mississippi, except in the North-west.

PROBABILITIES.

For the Middle and Eastern States on Sunday, falling barometer, cloudy and threatening weather, with rain on the Middle Atlantic coast; for the South Atlantic States, easterly winds, cloud and rain; for the Gulf States, southerly winds, veering to north-west, with low temperature and continued cloudy weather; for the upper lakes and the North-west, rising barometer, north-west winds, and cold weather.

Reports are missing from the South Atlantic and Eastern Gulf States.

Central Park Meteorological Department.

Abstract of report for the week ending at 1 P. M., March 1, 1873: Barometer—Mean, 29.752 inches; maximum, 30.100 inches; minimum, 29.690 inches; range, .430 inch. Thermometer—Mean, 23.6°; maximum, 3 P. M., Feb. 26, 37.0°; minimum, 7 A. M., Feb. 24, —1.0°; range, 38.0°. Remarks—Feb. 27, snow from 4h. 50m. A. M. to 10½ P. M.; amount of water, .32 inch; depth of snow, four inches. Distance traveled by the wind during the week, 1,981 miles.

City Meteorological Report.

The following record will show the changes in the temperature yesterday, with the average for the same, as indicated by the thermometer at Dickinson's drug-store, No. 3 Park-row: 3 A. M., 28½°; 6 A. M., 29°; 9 A. M., 30°; 12 M., 35°; 3 P. M., 39°; 6 P. M., 36½°; 9 P. M., 32°; 12 P. M., 30°. Average temperature yesterday, 32½°. Average temperature for the week, 24¼°.

The Lechmere Bank Defalcation.

BOSTON, March 1.—United States Bank Commissioner Needham, after an investigation, officially reports that the defalcation of Savage, the cashier of the Lechmere Bank, amounts to $14,588 37. The bank has a surplus of $114,000. The accounts of the savings bank were found correct. Savage is large real-estate owner in Somerville. He has been connected with the Lechmere Bank as cashier since its establishment in 1854, and his honesty has never been questioned. He was a prominent member of the Prospect-street Orthodox Church, and treasurer of the society for a number of years.

Opposition to Local Option.

PITTSBURG, Penn., March 1.—A secret meeting was held by the opponents of "local option" in Phœnix Hall last evening, at which, it is stated, a league was formed antagonistic to the temperance interest, and resolutions passed pledging the persons present to withhold all patronage from men known to be interested in the local option movement.

The Steamer Wilmington.

HAVANA, Feb. 27, via KEY WEST, Fla., March 1.—The steamer Wilmington, which arrived here to-day from New-York, will go into dry-dock for the purpose of having her bottom examined. The Wilmington was eighteen hours on the Florida reefs, during which time she threw overboard part of her cargo.

On the Track of an Incendiary.

From the Indianapolis Journal.

Some time since a little town in Ohio was infested by incendiaries, and, all other means of detection having failed, two or three clubbed together and purchased a bloodhound, one of the kind used by the citizens to hunt down runaway negroes in the pleasant days before the war. In some manner the news of this bit of enterprise became noised about and the fires suddenly ceased, not an opportunity having been offered since to put the animal on the trail of an incendiary. The day before Christmas, however, a citizen discovered that a beautiful evergreen tree in front of his residence had been cut down and carried off the night before, and the long looked for chance was afforded for testing the new purchase. To the astonishment of all, the four-legged detective took a straight line to the house of one of the wealthiest citizens of the town, nearly three-quarters of a mile distant, and placing his forepaws on the window, glared through and bayed savagely at the owner, who was engaged in decorating the tree for the festivities of the morrow. The scene that followed may, perhaps, be imagined, and a considerable sum of money was readily paid in order to hush the affair up.

The Newburyport Ghost.

The blue-eyed ghost of a boy is on the rampage in that school-house in Newburyport, Mass., again. On Thursday he took another turn at the wheel, and ground out lots of music to the same old tune. All sorts of noises were heard, and the teacher called upon some of the larger boys to take particular notice of what they saw and heard, and on being afterward interviewed by members of the committee they agreed in their statements. So much that was, to say the least, strange occurred that the teacher fainted and was conveyed home in a carriage. The vacation of Miss Perkins is to commence Monday, March 3. The affair is still the all-absorbing topic in that delightful little old city.

Serious Affrays.

Last evening a fight occurred at the corner of Bleecker and Carmine-streets, between John Hanley, of No. 16½ Downing-street, and Bernard Burke, of No. 211 West Houston-street, and during the fracas Burke was cut across the right hand with a pocket-knife by Hanley and severely wounded. Hanley was arrested.

Between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning, while Hugh Bannon, of No. 510 West Thirty-ninth-street, was standing in front of his residence he was assaulted by John Downing, who fired four shots from a revolver at him. Two of the shots took effect, a bullet lodging in each of Bannon's legs. He was taken to the West Thirty-seventh-street Police Station and attended by Police Surgeon Beach, and he was subsequently taken to his home. Downing was arrested and locked up.

Shortly after midnight, William Ryan, residing at No. 355 West Forty-sixth-street, while passing the corner of Forty-second-street and Eighth-avenue, became engaged in a quarrel with Charles Little and Charles Hinds. The latter made an assault upon him, and during the fracas which ensued, Ryan was stabbed in the right leg by one of his assailants, and severely wounded. He was attended by Dr. Beach and taken home. Little and Hinds were arrested, and locked up at the West Forty-seventh-street Police Station.

Fatal Railroad Accident.

John McCarthy, aged eleven, of No. 517 East Fifteenth-street, was run over at the corner of Fourteenth-street and Avenue A, by car No. 72 of the Dry Dock and East Broadway line, and sustained a compound fracture of the right thigh and internal injuries. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital in a dying condition. The driver of the car was arrested.

Celebration of St. David's Day.

Yesterday, St. David's Day, the national holiday of the Welsh, was duly celebrated by the citizens of that nationality. At the Welsh Presbyterian Church, Thirteenth-street, a tea party was given, at which Rev. Mr. Powell presided. Over 700 persons were present. After tea singing commenced, and recitations and speeches by Rev. D. S. Davis, E. Roberts, (Robin Saer,) Evan Davis, and others diversified the proceedings.

St. Patrick's Day.

The Convention of Irish societies intending to participate in the proposed procession on St. Patrick's Day, at their meeting on Friday night, refused to entertain the proposition made by the Police Commissioners for the appointment of a conference committee to decide upon a modification of the route originally proposed by the convention.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Army Officers and the Coast Survey.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In the editorial columns of the Sunday (Feb. 26) edition of your paper, appears a slur upon the scientific officers of the United States Army so gross and unjust that it must have been written under a misapprehension of the real facts of the case—as your paper is generally characterized by its high regard for truth, and exerts its consequent influence upon the intelligent classes of the community.

I allude to the following paragraph in your editorial in reference to the transfer of the coast survey to the army, viz: "The number of our army officers who are anything like competent to take part in the prosecution of such a work, to say nothing of its direction, is exceedingly small; so that the immediate consequence of a transfer of the coast survey work to military control must be either a great degradation in its quality, or else its prosecution by scientific civilians placed in the false and unjust position of underlings to military officers, often inferior to themselves in everything but military rank. Civilians doing the work (as in the survey of the North and North-western lakes), while shoulder-straps maintain the dignity, and take the largest portion of the pay and credit."

With reference to the policy of transferring the coast survey to the army, I have nothing to say at present, although its great founder, and the man who made it what it is, was an army officer and graduate of West Point in the United States Corps of Engineers, Alexander D. Bache. He has frequently told me he believed the education and training at West Point to be the best scientific instruction to be got anywhere.

What I wish particularly to deny is the statement that in the survey of the Northern and North-western Lakes the work is done by civilians and the pay and credit taken by the officers. The present Superintendent of the Lake Survey (like his predecessors) is an eminent scientific man, Gen. Comstock, so well known as an engineer on Gen. Grant's staff during the war. Every officer on lake survey duty is in all respects fitted to do the scientific work required. The work is not laid out by any civilian, but by the Superintendent, and the details committed to the subordinate officers, who perform the very scientific instrumental manipulations and mathematical calculations which in your article it is said they are unfitted to do. There are three or four civilians who have coördinate commands with the younger officers and perform exactly the same duties, but most of the civilians are very young university graduates, who are occupied as mere mechanical calculators. The duties here are varied, some requiring more, some less scientific attainment, but the special triangulation and determination of latitude and longitude, the mathematical and instrumental work of which is carried on by officers, requires a complete working knowledge of the highest mathematics; and I have never heard of an officer called upon incompetent to perform it, and the officers are detailed indiscriminately from the United States Corps of Engineers.

Again, the signal service is carried on to a great extent by army officers, and at my recent visit to the bureau in Washington, the generalization of the reports and the prognostication of the weather were being done by a West Point officer.

If it were not for drawing this letter out to an undue length, I could give a list of the numerous scientific works prosecuted by army officers, prosecuted, too, with success and marked ability, and recognized as such in every country. In a word, the Scientific Corps of our army compares favorably, so far as the scientific work in the line of profession is concerned, with any organization in the world. I have only to say that the person who gave you the statements about the United States lake survey was grossly misinformed.

AN EX-OFFICER OF ENGINEERS,
Formerly stationed on duty upon the survey of the Northern and North-western Lakes.

NEW YORK, Monday, Feb. 24, 1873.

Street-Cars.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

You have kindly given so much space of late to communications upon the subject of "horse-cars," and similar topics, that I hesitate to ask room for a few words of practical common sense relating to the same general question.

Recognizing the humiliating fact that the causes of the barbarous insufficiency of the means of public passenger transit in this City are hopelessly beyond the reach of such feeble public spiritedness as prevails in New-York, the practical question for to-day is how these evils can be mitigated by the thoughtfulness of passengers themselves. The general practice of a little forethought and calculation would save much annoyance and exposure. I cannot better explain what I mean than by giving a few examples from my own observation. And in doing this I am fully aware that I shall be met, on the part of some of your fair readers, who feel themselves to be specially aimed at, by the exclamation: "Does he think we are all fools to need to be told these things?" To which I can only reply, that I know a great many ladies, by no means fools in other respects, who are not wise in this. For example, how many ladies are there among the class who are at liberty to choose their hours who do not take pains to avoid riding down-town in the early forenoon, when cars and stages are crammed with business men, or being caught there late in the afternoon in need of conveyance, which is not to be had? But a more pertinent instance of the absence of due consideration is the following: Several times lately, during these vexatious blockades, in going down-town in the morning, I have noticed one or two—yes, even three or four—men and women crowd themselves into a full stage of one of the through lines, Madison-avenue or Hudson River Railroad, in the vicinity of Tiffany's store, when by walking a few steps to the head of Broadway at Fourteenth-street, they would have found seats in the Fourteenth-street line of stages, which may be said to make that point their starting-place, so sure are they to have vacant places when they reach there on their way down; and yet this does not seem to be generally known or thought of. Coming uptown, also, they constitute virtually a way-line, in distinction to the longer through routes, and passengers going no higher than Fourteenth-street ought, in deference to the golden rule, to prefer this line to the others. Take, again, the Fourth-avenue lines of cars. Here are three sets of cars, one set going to Eighty-sixth-street and another to Forty-second-street, which passengers to those distances must take, and a third turning off at Thirty-fourth-street. The latter is virtually a way-line in comparison with the others, and is less crowded because its patrons have the choice of the three lines. And yet thousands of passengers, going no higher than Thirty-fourth-street, take every day the Central Park and Central Depot lines, without the slightest consideration for their own or other people's convenience. Indeed, if I had not ceased to wonder at anything in the way of mismanagement and neglect, even of private interests, in New-York, I should wonder why the owners of these lines do not establish the classification hinted at by a discrimination in fares, charging for all distances a fixed price on each line, say eight cents on the Central Park, six cents on the Grand Depot, and five cents on the Thirty-fourth-street lines. Again, in regard to the position practiced upon passengers by the Broadway and Seventh-avenue car lines, in compelling them to change cars at Fifty-third-street. Passengers can do much toward bringing these lines to terms by conscientiously refusing to employ these lines whenever they can make the Sixth or Eighth-avenue lines serve their purpose, even at the cost of a little inconvenience to themselves.

The Fourth-avenue company (for whose management we all believe a Mr. Vanderbilt to be responsible, has been guilty of repeated and glaring outrages lately, some of which you have noticed, which ought to have the effect upon a self-respecting community of driving half the patronage of that line over to Third-avenue.

If the Vanderbilt concern possessed either soul or sense, it would contrive to accommodate the large travel between the Central Park region and Fourteenth-street, independently of the down-town cars. It is to the influence of such men that we owe the condition of things that exists in our so-called Metropolis, which is only a huge congeries of houses and streets, with the methods and manners of the most "provincial" of villages added to morals which are peculiarly its own. My panacea for such of these evils as can be in some degree influenced by passenger themselves, is thoughtful consideration on their part coupled with a rigid determination to submit to no impositions which can be avoided by refusing to patronise the lines guilty of them.

A. B.

MONDAY, Feb. 24.

Card From Mr. Homer Ramsdell.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Will you do me the justice to contradict the statement this morning made in your paper, that I received $25,000 for assisting to remove Mr. Gould from the Erie Road? Whatever of service I may have rendered was given without fee or reward, excepting so far as to satisfy my own sense of duty. HOMER RAMSDELL.

NEWBURG, N. Y., Saturday, March 1, 1873.

Subscriptions to Training School for Nurses.

Mrs. Matthew Clarkson	$50 00
Daniel Torrance	50 00
Frederick Billings	100 00
Miss Jane Stuart Woolsey	50 00
Miss Hannah W. Heyward	10 00
Mrs. S. P. Avery	10 00
John Carey, Jr.	100 00
Mrs. John Payne	100 00

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—March 1.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10 A. M.

200	Western Union	92	400	Rock Island	113⅛
300	do	89⅝	200	do	c. 113⅛
1100	do	89⅝	100	Tel. & Wab	c. 73⅛
2000	do	89⅝	100	do	73⅛
1000	do	89⅝	1500	Erie Railroad	66⅛
300	do	89⅝	100	do	c. 66⅛
200	do	c. 89⅝	300	do	66⅜
300	do	89⅞	400	do	66⅜
700	do	90	400	do	c. 66⅜
1100	do	89⅞	500	do	66⅜
100	do	c. 89⅞	200	do	66⅜
600	do	89¾	100	Union Pacific	34⅝
240	Harlem	129	1500	do	34⅝
1200	Pacific Mail	58	100	do	c. 34⅝
200	do	c. 58	100	do	s3. 34⅜
200	do	c. 57⅞	100	do	c. 34⅝
200	do	57¾	1200	Lake Shore	92¾
200	do	c. 57¾	1400	do	c. 92⅞
100	do	57⅞	700	do	s3. 92⅞
400	do	57¾	600	do	92⅝
400	do	57⅞	100	do	s3. 92⅝
400	do	57	400	do	92⅝
200	do	57	200	do	c. 92⅝
300	do	56⅞	100	do	b3. 93
400	do	56⅞	300	do	92⅝
400	do	56⅞	200	do	92⅝
1400	do	56	100	do	c. 92⅝
200	do	c. 56⅜	400	do	92⅜
300	do	c. 56⅜	300	do	c. 92⅜
200	do	56⅛	400	do	92⅜
300	do	56⅛	400	do	92⅜
400	do	56⅛	400	St. Paul	53⅛
100	do	c. 56⅛	200	do	c. 53⅛
200	do	56⅛	200	St. Paul Pref	73⅛
200	do	c. 56⅛	200	do	b30. 74⅛
300	do	56⅛	400	B., H. & Erie	8⅜
200	do	c. 56⅜	300	do	c. 8⅜
200	do	56⅛	200	Ohio & Miss	45⅛
100	do	c. 56⅛	700	do	44
200	do	56⅛	700	do	b3. 46
300	do	56⅛	500	do	45⅞
200	do	56⅛	300	do	45⅜
300	do	56⅛	100	do	45⅜
300	do	56⅛	100	do	45⅜
600	do	56⅛	100	do	45⅜
200	N. Y. C. & Hud.	c. 81⅜	100	C., C. & I. C	40⅝
300	do	102⅜	100	do	40⅜
200	do	102	150	do	b60. 41¼
100	North-western	81			

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10¼ A. M.

$4,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '64	115⅛	
2,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '65	c. 116⅜	
1,000	U. S. 5-20, C., '65, new	c. 114⅜	
10,850	U. S. 5-20 C., '65	116⅛	
$10,000	U. S. 6s, Cur	114⅛	
500	U. S. 5-20 C., '67	116⅜	
50,000	do	s30. 116⅜	
500	do	small. 116⅛	

FIRST BOARD—10¼ A. M.

$23,000	Tenn. 6s, old	81	100	Erie Railroad	66⅛
40,000	do	b3. 81	50	do	66⅜
1,000	Va. 6s, Consol'd.	55½	620	do	bet. call. 66⅜
2,000	Missouri 6s	94⅜	200	do	c. 66⅜
26,000	N. Y. State 7s, 1890		1600	do	66⅜
4,000	do Bour. L. Reg.	106⅞	800	do	66⅜
25,000	do bet. call.	106	500	do	66⅜
4,000	N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76,	102	600	do	x div. 65
9,000	Erie 6s	97⅜	400	Erie R. Pref	b. c. 79⅛
10,000	Union Pac. 1st	89⅛	1200	West. U. Tel.	b. c. 89⅛
2,000	U. P. 7s, L.G.	77	1200	do	c. 90
1,000	Chi. & N. W. Ex.	89	200	do	c. 90
2,000	Tol. & Wab. 1st,		300	do	90⅛
	St. Louis Div.	90	100	do	b3. 90⅛
11,000	Great West. 1st	89	200	do	b. c. 90
30,000	T. & W. Con.	87⅝	500	do	90
3,000	D., L. & W. 2d	96⅜	500	do	89⅝
4,000	P., Ft. W. & C. 1st	104	200	do	c. 89⅝
2,000	Tol. & Wab. 1st	96⅛	600	do	89⅝
3,000	Tol. & Wab. 2d	93⅛	400	do	89⅝
2,000	Mil. & St. P. 1st,		7	do	90
	La Crosse Div.	91⅞	600	do	90⅛
1,000	Bur., Cedar R. & M. 1st		100	do	c. 90
			110	do	b3. 90⅛
38	Bank of N. York	133	1500	do	90⅛
161	Del. & H. Canal	122	200	do	90
300	Quicksilver M. Co.	44⅛	600	do	89⅞
280	Canton Co	b. c. 50	100	do	b3. 90
300	Amer. Coal	b. c. 55	100	do	90
40	Adams Express	95⅛	200	do	89⅞
160	United States Ex.	73⅝	300	do	89⅞
10	do	74	200	do	89⅞
200	do	bet. call. 73⅛	600	do	89⅜
200	do	73⅜	200	do	89⅜
200	Pacific Mail	b. c. 57	400	do	89⅜
100	do	57⅛	200	Harlem Railroad	129⅛
200	do	57⅛	200	do	130
300	do	57⅛	400	do	bet. call. 130
270	do	57⅛	500	L. S. & M. So.	b. c. 92⅞
600	do	57⅜	100	do	b4. 92⅝
400	do	57⅜	300	do	92⅝
200	do	57⅜	400	do	92⅝
200	do	57⅜	200	do	c. 92⅜
200	do	57⅜	500	do	b3. 93
200	do	57⅜	1200	do	93
200	do	57⅜	500	do	93
300	do	c. 57⅜	500	do	93
300	do	57⅜	400	Panama R	b. c. 108⅜
200	do	57⅜	1600	Un. Pacific	b. c. 34⅞
200	do	57⅜	200	do	b. c. 34⅞
200	do	c. 57⅜	200	do	c. 34⅞
200	do	c. 57	100	do	b15. 35⅜
200	do	57	100	do	b10. 34⅝
400	do	57⅛	100	do	b3. 34⅞
300	do	57⅜	300	do	34⅞
300	do	c. 57⅜	400	do	34⅞
1200	do	58	20	Illinois Cen	b. c. 121⅜
200	do	c. 57⅜	100	do	122⅛
200	do	57⅜	200	Clev. & P. G	b. c. 89½
200	do	57⅜	100	Chi. & N. W. Pf	b. c. 89⅛
200	do	c. 57⅜	30	New-Jersey Cen	103⅛
1200	do	58	400	Mil. & St. P	b. c. 53
200	do	58⅛	200	M. & St. P. Pf	b. c. 73½
200	do	58⅛	200	Tol., W. & W	b. c. 73⅞
200	do	58	400	B., H. & E	b. c. 8¾
200	do	58⅜	100	N. Y., N. H. & H	b. c. 141
200	do	58⅜	200	Han. & St. Jo. R	45½
200	do	58⅜	100	Miss., Kan. & Tex	37⅜
200	do	58⅜	100	do	bet. call. 38
25	American Ex	b. c. 68	100	At. & Pac. Pf	b. c. 23
200	N. Y. C. & H	b. c. 102⅛	300	Ohio & M	b. c. b3. 46
200	do	c. 102⅛	300	do	c. 45⅞
200	do	103⅛	700	do	46
10	do	103	300	do	b3. 46
200	do	103⅛	100	do	c. 45⅜
200	do	c. 103⅛	200	do	45⅞
100	do	103⅛	300	Col., C. & I. C	b. c. 40⅜
200	do	103⅜	600	do	40⅝
300	do	c. 103⅛	200	do	40⅜
200	do	103⅛	300	do	40⅜

SALES FROM 2 TO 3 P. M.

$2,000	Reg., H. & E. 1st	39½	400	Pacific Mail	58⅛
10	Continental Bank	80	200	do	58
200	N. Y. C. & Hud.	b3. 103⅛	100	do	57⅝
200	do	103⅛	200	do	c. 57⅜
200	do	c. 103	200	do	57⅜
100	do	b3. 103	200	do	57⅜
200	do	103⅛	200	do	57⅜
200	Western Union	89⅝	600	do	57⅜
200	do	89⅝	600	do	57⅜
400	do	s3. 89⅛	1000	do	57⅜
200	do	89⅛	500	do	57⅜
200	do	89⅛	100	do	57⅜
200	do	89⅛	100	do	57⅜
200	do	89⅛	600	do	c. 57⅜
200	do	89⅛	100	do	57⅜
200	do	89⅛	100	do	57⅜
200	do	b3. 89⅛	500	do	57⅜
200	do	89⅛	200	do	57⅜
200	do	89⅛	100	do	57⅜
200	do	89⅛	100	do	57⅜
100	Consol. Coal	52	600	do	57⅜
200	Erie Railroad	b. c. 65	500	Union Pacific	34⅜
200	do	b5. 66	400	St. Paul Pref	73⅜
200	do	66	100	Tel. & Wab	73⅛
1600	do	65⅞	100	do	73⅛
200	do	64⅜	400	Ban., H. & Erie	8⅜
100	do	b3. 65	100	Ohio & Miss	b3. 45⅜
200	Lake Shore	92⅝	200	Han. & St. Jo	45
200	do	92⅜	100	do	45
200	do	92⅜	300	C., C. & I. C	40⅜
200	do	92⅜	300	Atlantic & Pac	24
200	do	92⅜	100	do	23⅞
200	do	92⅜	200	do	23⅞
100	Panama	109	200	Pacific R. of Mo	82
200	do	108⅛			

SATURDAY, March 1—P. M.

The Public Debt statement to March 1, (to-day,) as telegraphed from Washington this afternoon, shows a decrease in the Principal of the Debt, since Feb. 1, of $5,277,889. This result more than qualifies the moderate increase of Debt in December and January, and leaves the total Debt about $3,000,000 less than on the 1st of November last. The revenues from Customs in February materially improved over the previous month, while fewer exceptional disbursements appear on the other side of the account.

The City Bank averages for the week, as announced this afternoon, show an improvement of about $1,500,000 in lawful Money strength to Deposits and Circulation, and for the first time in three weeks the Banks are now within a very trifling sum of the required 25 ₱ cent. The gain this week is mainly from the prepayment out of the Treasury of the Gold Interest on the 10-40s, 5 ₱ cents. due to-day. The Gold Notes are up $1,383,600, while the Greenbacks are again lower by $737,200. The liquidation of Loans is again heavy, $5,535,200, and of Deposits, $3,833,800. The deficiency of reserve of lawful Money is reduced to $363,000 below the line of 25 ₱ cent. The heavy contraction of Loans during the week accounts in a measure for the extreme rates for Money on the Stock Exchange.

The rates for Monday to-day ranged 7 ₱ cent. Interest, and a bonus of a sixteenth down to a thirty-second of 1 ₱ cent. until Monday. The Stock Brokers were readily accommodated on these terms at the close of the day.

The speculation on the Share list at the Stock Exchange was again very active in two or three Stocks like Pacific Mail and Western Telegraph, as on Friday, the fluctuations ranging 1@1¼ ₱ cent. throughout the day. The general list was rather steady than otherwise, New-York Central, Erie, Ohios, &c., being well sustained. At the close of business at 3 o'clock, (the Saturday hour for shutting up the Exchange,) the following quotations were made as compared with Friday night.

Closing Quotations—MARCH 1.

	Friday.	Saturday.
United States New 5s	113¾	113½
U. S. 5-20s, May and November	116⅜	116½
U. S. 5-20s, January and July	116⅜	116¼
American Gold	114¼	114⅜
Bills on London, 60 days	108¼	108¼
N. Y. Central and Hudson	103	103
Chicago and Rock Island	113¾	113⅞
Pacific Mail	57¼	57½
St. Paul Preferred	73¾	73⅞
St. Paul Common	53½	53½
Ohio and Mississippi	45¼	45⅜
Western Union Telegraph	89½	89⅝
Erie	66¼	66¼
Union Pacific	34¼	34⅜
Lake Shore	92¼	92⅜
C., C. and Indiana Central	40¼	40½
Toledo and Wabash	73¾	73⅞
Hannibal and St. Joseph	45¾	45

After to-day the Erie Stock will be quoted Ex Dividend of 1½ ₱ cent., the transfers closing this Afternoon.

Gold, after going up to 115½ ₱ cent., closed at 114½ ₱ cent. Exchange was ½ ₱ cent. firmer than on Friday.

The latest prices for the various Public Funds of the United States are as follows:

6 ₱ cent. reg., '81	116⅜	5-20 coup., n. i., '65	114⅞
6 ₱ cent. coup., '81	118⅛	5-20 reg., '67	114⅜
5-20 reg., '62	115⅛	5-20 coup., '67	116⅞
5-20 coup., '62	115⅛	5-20 reg., '68	114⅛
5-20 reg., '64	115⅛	5-20 coup., '68	116⅛
5-20 coup., '64	115⅛	10-40 reg	111⅛
5-20 reg., '65	115⅛	10-40 coup	111⅜
5-20 coup., '65	116⅞	5s coup., '81	113⅞
5-20 reg., n. i., '65	114⅛	6s currency	114⅛

*Ex-Dividend.

The return from the Bank of England for the week ended the 12th of February, 1873, gives the following results when compared with the previous week:

Rest	£23,524,654	Inc. £23,442
Public deposits	12,075,680	Inc. 1,296,559
Other deposits	19,597,493	Inc. 3,122,924
Government securities	13,287,888	No alteration.
Other securities	22,737,892	Inc. 3,412,996
Notes unemployed	14,223,350	Inc. 78,710

The amount of notes in circulation is £24,883,845, being a decrease of £411,885; and the stock of bullion in both departments is £25,005,746, showing a decrease of £355,312 when compared with the preceding return. Subjoined is a comparison of the present position of the Bank of England and the prices of Consols and French Rentes with the corresponding week of last year:

	At Present.	Last Year.
Bullion	£25,006,746	£23,878,355
Reserve	16,122,901	14,340,020
Notes in circulation	24,882,845	24 638,335
Rate of discount	3½ ₱ cent.	3 ₱ cent.
Consols	92½	92⅜
French Rentes	85f. 60c.	86f. 77c.

The week's imports of foreign Merchandise have been to the specie value of $5,472,488.

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FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, March 1—11 A. M.—Consols opened at 92¼@92⅜ for both money and the account. United States 5-20 Bonds, 1865s, old, 93¾; 1867s, 93¾; 10-40s, new 5s, 90½; Erie Railway shares, 52.

2 P. M.—Consols and American securities closed unchanged. Erie Railway Shares, 52¼.

FRANKFORT, March 1—A. M.—United States 5-20 Bonds opened at 96⅝, for the issue of 1862.

PARIS, March 1—A. M.—Rentes opened at 86f. 77c.

LIVERPOOL, March 1—11 A. M.—Cotton—The market opened quiet. Middling Uplands, 9¼d.; Middling Orleans, 9¼d. sold. The sales of the day are estimated at 10,000 bales.

1 P. M.—Cotton—The market closed quiet. The sales of the day have been 10,430 bales, including 1,000 for speculation and export. Of the sales, 6,000 bales were American. Sales of Cotton shipped from Savannah or Charleston, deliverable March, have been made at 9 7-16d.

2 P. M.—Breadstuffs—The market is quiet.

Evening.—Sugar, Jos. 3d. ₱ cwt. for Short Rib Middles.

HAVANA, Feb. 28.—Exchange—On United States, 60 days, currency, 11½@12 ₱ cent. premium; 30 days, in gold, 28¼@28½ ₱ cent. premium; Short Sight, 30¼@30½ ₱ cent. premium; on London, Cable, 42½ ₱ cent. premium.

LAW REPORTS.

SUPERIOR COURT—GENERAL TERM.—MARCH 1.

By Chief-Justice Barbour and Judges Freedman and Sedgwick.

Wills vs. *Davis*.—In this case an interesting question arose involving the controlling authority of State and Federal Courts when in conflict. The plaintiff obtained a judgment against the defendant, issued execution thereon, and property was sold in pursuance thereof. Before the proceeds of the sale had been paid over to plaintiff the Sheriff was served with an injunction from the Federal Courts which was intended to hold the funds under the control of the Bankrupt laws. The Superior Court, at Special Term, granted, on application of plaintiff, an order directing the payment of the money collected under execution to the plaintiff, notwithstanding the order of injunction from the Federal Courts, and from this order the present appeal was taken.

Judges Freedman and Sedgwick maintain, by their decision, the binding force of the injunction from the Federal Courts, while Chief-Justice Barbour dissents.

DECISIONS.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM.—MARCH 1.

By Judge Robinson.

Hill vs. Dillingham; motion for new trial denied.

Koehler vs. Koehler; motion denied for alimony, without costs.

Bohmer vs. Bohmer; limited divorce granted.

LAW REFORM.

Cause of the Delays in Murder Cases—The Proper Remedy.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The delays in capital cases often defeat the ends of justice. On the trial of these cases errors, not only prejudicial but disastrous to the rights of the accused, are sometimes committed. Not to permit the prisoner, who has been convicted in violation of law, of a capital offense, the opportunity to have his case reviewed by a higher court, would be a gross wrong. The right of appeal in civil cases is given by statute, no matter how small the amount involved. Human life should not be regarded as of less value than a few dollars. If the law has been observed upon the trial—if no material error has been committed by the Court—on appeal the verdict will be upheld, otherwise it will be set aside, (as it ought to be) and a new trial will be granted.

At the same time, the community have an inherent right of protection against crime. The law, while it guards with scrupulous care the rights of every person charged with crime, should also protect with equal fidelity the rights of law-abiding citizens—of the community at large. A law which disregards either of these objects cannot be a good law, while, on the other hand, a law which effectually secures both is entitled to the most favorable consideration. With this view, before the commencement of the present session of the Legislature, I drafted a bill entitled "An act in relation to writs of error and proceedings in capital cases." This bill provides that appeals in capital cases shall go direct to the Court of Appeals, the court of last resort. It provides that the Court of Appeals shall give these cases preference over all others. It forbids a stay of proceedings unless, in the opinion of the Judge granting it, a stay shall be necessary in order to afford sufficient time to bring on the case for argument, and to obtain a decision in that court. In order that no stay may be necessary, the bill provides that the day of execution shall be not less than twelve nor more than sixteen weeks from the time of the sentence. If this bill shall become a law, it will be very rare indeed that a stay of proceedings will be necessary. As a general rule, within a month, or less, from the time of sentence the case would be argued in the Court of Appeals. Within two or three weeks the decision would be rendered. If the conviction should be affirmed the case would be ended forever, so far as the courts are concerned. The final decision would be rendered probably six weeks before the day appointed for execution. The application to the Governor, which always follows in such cases, would be made at once, as the friends of the convict would feel the importance of losing no time. It is fair to presume that the decision of the Governor would be rendered with reasonable promptness. The appeal to the Court of Appeals, the application to the Governor for clemency, would be decided weeks before the day appointed for execution.

Thus it will be perceived that, by the provisions of this bill, the administration of justice would move as speedily as is consistent with a proper regard to the rights of the accused on the one side and of the community on the other. Instead of two years, as in the case of Foster, these proceedings would not take more than two months.

If the Court of Appeals should reverse the conviction and grant a new trial, the case could be again brought to trial without delay, before the witnesses had become scattered and before the public had lost all interest in the case. If the prisoner has any real defense, it would be better for him that the trial should be had promptly, while he could secure the attendance of his witnesses, and the facts were fresh in their recollection. When a new trial is granted after the lapse of one or two years, either side encounters serious disadvantages, resulting from the loss of evidence and from the fact that the memory of witnesses is less accurate and less reliable than when the occurrences are recent.

Now, appeals in capital cases, in the first instance, go to the Supreme Court. This is the chief cause of the great delay. The defeated party is never satisfied with the result. The consequence is, almost every case is taken to the Court of Appeals. The appeal to the Supreme Court is of no use to the prisoner or to the prosecution. It results in nothing to either side but delay. Before the statute of 1852, a decision in the Supreme Court in favor of the prisoner was final. Then there was good reason for taking a case to that court.

This bill was introduced in the Assembly on the first day of the session, and referred to the Judiciary Committee. It was amended so as to permit the Judges in the district where the conviction takes place to allow a writ of error, and grant a stay of proceedings. With this exception the bill was reported substantially as I drafted it. The bill originally provided that none but a Judge of the Court of Appeals could grant a writ of error or allow a stay of proceedings.

Recorder Hackett has recently drawn a bill (embracing many subjects) entitled: "An act relative to procedure in motions for new trials or regarding writs of error upon convictions in the Court of Oyer and Terminer of the First Judicial District, or of the Court of General Session of the Peace, in and for the City and County of New-York, and to regulate in the Court of Appeals the procedure upon such writs of error."

This bill seeks (among other things) to obtain one object secured by my bill, namely, that writs of error in capital cases shall be made returnable to the Court of Appeals. This bill, as drawn, contains many fatal objections, among which are the following: It applies only to the Court of Oyer and Terminer and the Court of General Sessions of this County.

The powers of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer throughout the State should be the same. There is no reason why the powers of the Court of Oyer and Terminer of the County of New-York should be different from those of the Oyer and Terminer of the County of Kings, or of Westchester, or of any other county in the State. There is no reason why, if a person commit murder in Brooklyn, he should have any better opportunity to escape by means of a new trial, than if he perpetrated a similar offense in New-York. There is no reason why a convicted murderer should have any better opportunity for obtaining a new trial in one county than in another. The Recorder's bill contains the following provisions:

No bill of exceptions upon any conviction in the Court of Oyer and Terminer or in the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, in and for the City and County of New-York shall be effectual or valid, unless settled and duly signed within ten days after a conviction, except that for the cause of illness of judge or counsel, the time for settling may be extended by the order or orders of any Justice of the Supreme Court of the First Judicial District, which order or orders shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court.

This provision would result in great oppression and injustice. The mode of getting a bill of exceptions "duly settled and duly signed," is as follows: After the trial, the counsel for the prisoner prepares a proposed bill of exceptions, and serves a copy on the District Attorney. It is then the duy of the District Attorney to serve a copy of its amendments, (if he proposes any,) upon the counsel for the prisoner. After that the latter gives notice that on a certain day he will present the proposed bill of exceptions to the Court for settlement. At the appointed time he submits his proposed bill of exceptions, and the District Attorney presents his proposed amendments, the Court determines what amendments shall be, and what shall not be allowed, after which an engrossed copy of the bill of exceptions, as settled by the Judge must be made, and that copy is signed by the Court.

In many cases it is absolutely impossible to get this done in ten days. There are cases where, with the utmost possible speed on the part of counsel for defense, all this cannot be accomplished in less than twenty days. In some instances, even more time is necessary. Delays are occasioned by the District-Attorney on account of his numerous and pressing engagements. Delays may be occasioned by the Court, as in the case of Stokes, by the absence from the City of the Judge who presided at the trial.

According to this provision in the Recorder's bill, although the prisoner's counsel should lose not a moment's time, although he should work night and day until he got his bill of exceptions drawn and served, it would be *invalid* by reason of the neglect—whether intentional or unavoidable—of the District-Attorney or the Court to do their part in getting it "duly settled and duly signed within ten days after a conviction." The Recorder's bill does not provide that the District-Attorney shall serve his proposed amendments within a given number of days, or that, upon his failure to do so, the Court shall settle the bill of exceptions. By the provisions of the Recorder's bill, the District-Attorney could prevent any person convicted from ever getting his case before a higher court.

After a case gets into the Court of Appeals, either the District-Attorney or the counsel for the prisoner should have the right to bring on the case for argument, and my bill so provides. There is no reason why, if the District-Attorney neglect or omit to proceed, the prisoner's counsel should not be permitted to notice and bring on the case for argument. The only provision in the Recorder's bill for bringing on the argument is the following:

At any time after said filing, [of the writ and the return thereto,] the District-Attorney of the County of New-York may move the Court of Appeals to assign and fix a day for an argument upon said writ of error, together with whatever return has been made thereto, whereupon it shall become the duty of the said Court of Appeals, if the said writ of error is upon a conviction for murder in the first degree, to immediately assign some day for argument, which shall be within ten days succeeding such application.

Under the Recorder's bill, if the District-Attorney does not see fit to move, there is no way of forcing on the argument. The District-Attorney can delay as long as he pleases. He can wait six months or a year, or any length of time. By my bill the Court of Appeals is required to give these "cases preference over all other cases." It is made the duty of the District-Attorney to bring on the argument "as soon as practicable." Power is also given to the defendant "to notice and bring on for argument the return to any such writ." If my bill should pass and be properly enforced, the result would necessarily be that appeals in capital cases would be heard and decided within two months from the time of sentence. The mode of proceeding would be clear, definite, and precise, and involved in no doubt or obscurity whatever.

Another objection to the Recorder's bill is, that if it should pass, persons convicted of murder could still take their cases to the Supreme Court by writ of certiorari, if the Judge who presided at the trial, or in case of his refusal, any Supreme Court judge in the State, would certify on a bill of exceptions, that there was probable cause for the same, or so much doubt as to render it expedient to take the judgment of the Supreme Court thereon. My bill prohibits any judge or court from granting any such certificate. It provides, also, that no writ of certiorari shall issue returnable in the Supreme Court in any case where there shall have been a conviction for a capital offense.

Nothing can be of greater importance to the community than the administration of justice in capital cases. It is important that these cases should be carefully and deliberately tried. It is important that courts and juries should arrive at correct results—that the innocent should be acquitted, and the guilty convicted. If appeals be taken, it is due to the community that such cases shall take precedence over all others, and that they shall be speedily heard and decided, and the law enforced with promptness and certainty. Yours, respectfully,

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The annual election for twenty-five directors and three inspectors of the next annual election will be held at the office of the company, No. 122 Bowery, on TUESDAY, March 19, 1872.

Poll opened at 12 M. and closed at 1 o'clock P. M.
GEO. R. RHOADS, Secretary.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of March next, there will be drawn by lot, at the office of the Gilman, Clinton and Springfield Railroad Company, the 1st day of Springfield, State of Illinois, twenty three bonds of said company. Notice of the bonds so drawn will be given in due time.

S. H. MELVIN, President
Gilman, Clinton and Springfield Railroad Company
FEB. 28, 1872.

JOHN MUNROE & CO.,
BANKERS, NO. 8 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK,
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ISSUE COMMERCIAL and TRAVELERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE in all PARTS of the WORLD.

OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE CLERKS' MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION, NEW-YORK, FEB. 24, 1872.

AN ELECTION FOR FOUR Directors of the Association and three Inspectors of election for the ensuing year will be held at the rooms of the New-York Board of Fire Underwriters, No. 156 Broadway, on SATURDAY, March 9. Polls open from 12 M. to 2 P. M. The annual meeting of the association will be held at 3 P. M. same day and place.

W. D. STROBEL, Jr., Corresponding Secretary.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, BROOKLYN, Feb. 21, 1872.

SEALED PROPOSALS, INDORSED "Proposals for Bonds," will be received at this office until 12 o'clock on MONDAY, March 4, for the purchase of $100,000 seven per cent. Public Park Bonds, due 1892. The Controller reserves the right to reject all bids not to the interest of the city.

F. H. SCHROEDER, Controller.

A HOUSE ENGAGED IN THE NEGOTIATION of railway and municipal securities desires the services of an active, intelligent and trustworthy canvasser and traveling agent; an experienced man who can present satisfactory references can secure a permanent position. Address SECURITIES, Box No. 186 *Times* Office.

DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY
NEW-YORK, Feb. 11, 1872.

DIVIDEND.—The Directors of this Company have declared a Dividend from the earnings of the road for the six months ending 31st December ultimo, of Three and one-half per Cent. on the Preferred Stock, and also a dividend of One and three-quarters per Cent. on the common stock, from the earnings of the road for twelve months ending Dec. 31 last; both payable on the 15th day of March next, at the office of Messrs. Duncan, Sherman & Co., No. 11 Nassau-st., to the registered holders thereof, at the close of the books.

The Transfer books for both Preferred and Common stock will be closed at the close of business on Saturday, the 1st day of March next, and remain closed until the morning of the 16th of March.

By order of the Board.
H. N. OTIS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE MONTCLAIR RAILWAY COMPANY, NO. 25 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK CITY.

THE COUPONS ARE REGISTERED to interest on the FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS OF THE MONTCLAIR RAILWAY COMPANY due March 1, 1873, will be paid at the office of Leonard, Sheldon & Foster, No. 10 Wall-st., on and after that date.

D. E. CULVER,
Treasurer.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL INTEREST due March 1, 1873, on the United States Court Receiver's Certificates of the Alabama and Chattanooga Railroad will be paid at the office of the New-York State Loan and Trust Company, No. 22 Broadway. A limited amount of these certificates are for sale at 90 and interest.

MARBLE MANTELS.

S. HIGBEE & CO., STEAM MARBLE-workers, No. 230 West 31st-st., between Broadway and 7th-av. Marble and marbleized mantels, monuments, head-stones, of superior workmanship, at very low prices.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

35 EAST 42TH-ST., NEAR 5TH-AV.—For sale, in 42th-st., just east of 5th-av., a beautiful four-story brown stone house, 17x80 feet. Has been recently overhauled in the most thorough manner; the plumbing-work, mantels, &c., being all new and of the best quality, and is tastefully decorated; lot 100.5 feet in depth.

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AN EXECUTORS' SALE OF A VALUable plot of lots on the upper part of Broadway, near James Gordon Bennett's residence, for $25,000 less than their present value. Property in this vicinity is rapidly increasing in value; must be sold by order of executors; terms liberal.

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FOR SALE—ONE FOUR-STORY AND BASEment high-stoop brown-stone house, 20x50, corner house; five four-story and basement high stoop brown-stone houses, 16x50; two four-story and basement high-stoop brown-stone houses, 18x55; corner Lexington-av. and 71st-st. Apply on premises.

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IN PARTITION.

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AND NEAR THE
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JAMES M. MILLER, Auctioneer,
will sell at auction,
ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1872,
At 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, under the direction of
NATHANIEL JARVIS, Jr., Esq., Referee,
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WILL SELL AT AUCTION ON WEDNESDAY, March 6, 1872, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, by order of Jeremiah Grinlan, James Lynch, and John E. Develin, trustees of Walter Roche.

EIGHTH-AVENUE.—North-east corner of 85th-st., four five-story brown-stone houses, with stores, Nos. 930, 932, 934, and 936 8th-av.; good buildings; fine location.

FIFTY-FIRST-STREET.—Four story, French roof, brown stone, No. 257 West 55th st., in the rear of the above.

SIXTY-EIGHTH-STREET.—The undivided half of seven lots and part of lot north side 68th-st., 100 feet west of 9th av., each lot 25x100.5

ONE HUNDREDTH-STREET.—Full lot south side of 100th st., 200 feet east of 10th-av., near Boulevard.

MULBERRY-STREET, No. 27—House and lot, 25x74.

MOTT-STREET.—Nos. 68, 70, 72, and 74 Mott-st., houses and lots, each lot 25x94 feet.

BAXTER-STREET, No. 121—Front and rear houses.

Maps and particulars at auctioneer's office, No. 4 Pine-st.

Also, on same day.

SIXTY-EIGHTH-STREET.—Two lots, south side, 100 feet west of 11th-av.

On THURSDAY, March 6,

TWENTY-FOURTH-STREET.—House and stable No. 343 East 24th-st.

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH-STREET.—Three full lots, south side, near 2d-av.

HUGH N. CAMP, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE PROPERTY, ON 1ST-AV., 17TH AND 75TH STS., AT AUCTION.

HUGH N. CAMP will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, March 6, 1872, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, New-York:

FIRST-AVENUE.—All that certain lot, with the front and rear building thereon, known as No. 415 1st-av., west side, 43.3 feet north of 24th-st., lot 18.6 x100 feet. Front building is a three-story brick tenement; 18.6 by about 45 feet deep. Rear building is two-story brick.

SEVENTEENTH-STREET.—Three-story brick front house, lot, No. 42 East 17th-st., south side, about 194 feet west of Avenue A. Lot 25x92 feet.

SEVENTY-FIFTH-STREET.—The valuable three-story high-stoop brick house and lot, No. 420 East 75th-st., south side, 234 feet 3 inches east of 1st-av. House in good order, and contains all the modern improvements. Lot 18.9x102.2 feet.

Maps and full particulars at the office of the auctioneer, No. 106 Broadway, corner of Pine-st., New-York.

WM. COLE, Auctioneer.

EXECUTORS' SALE OF 300 VACANT lots and seven houses and lots in the Eighteenth and Twenty-first Wards of the City of Brooklyn. Also, store property Nos. 247 and 249 Water-st., New-York.

CODE & MURPHY will sell by auction on TUESDAY, March 11, 1873, at 12 o'clock M., at No. 379 Fulton-st., Brooklyn, opposite City Hall, by order of executors of Robert Adair and Charles Cooper.

Ten per cent. and $10 auction fee on each lot on day of sale; sixty per cent. on bond and mortgage.

Maps at D. Barnett's, No. 397 Fulton-st., Brooklyn; M. S. Thompson's, No. 33 Nassau-st., New-York, and Theo. F. Jackson's, No. 45 Broadway, Brooklyn.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

HOUSES TO RENT, FURNISHED and unfurnished.

On West 14th-st., between 5th and 6th avs., three story, brick.

On East 17th-st., between Irving-place and 3d-av., four story, brick.

On East 20d-st., between Lexington and 4th avs., four story, brown stone.

On West 30th-st., between Broadway and 5th-av., four story, brown stone.

On West 31st-st., between Broadway and 5th-av., four story, brown stone.

On West 38th-st., between 5th and 6th avs., four story, brown stone.

On East 53d-st., between Park and Lexington avs., three story, brown stone.

On East 53d-st., near 5th-av., four story, brown stone.

On West 57th-st., four story, brown stone.

On Lexington-av., near 34th-st., four story, brown stone.

On Madison-av., near 34th-st., four story, brown stone.

Apply to MULLER, WILKINS & CO.,
No. 7 Pine-st.
Branch office, No. 33 East 17th-st (Union-square).

TO LET FURNISHED.

The residence of the late Jesse W. Benedict, at Audubon Park, Washington Heights, New-York City. This property occupies the entire block between 155th and 156th sts., and has a frontage on the Hudson with a commanding view both up and down the river; the house is large, and in perfect order; Croton water, gas, and every convenience and improvement; the stable is first-class; accommodation for six horses; grounds tastefully laid out with a great variety of shade trees; fountain, Summer-house, and everything requisite for an elegant residence.

For further particulars apply to
COLEMAN BENEDICT, No. 14 Broad-st., or
PETER CARTER, No. 530 Broadway,
Executors.

AT TARRYTOWN—WITHIN TEN MINutes walk of the depot.—To let, furnished complete, or for sale, a beautiful French-roof house, containing eight bedrooms, parlor, library, dining-room, kitchen, laundry, bath-room, gas, hot and cold water, &c.; grounds front on three streets; fine shade and fruit trees, shrubbery, &c.; stable and carriage-house.

House newly furnished with Brussels carpets and black walnut furniture.

Will rent with immediate possession, for one year, or term of years; or will sell at a reasonable price on easy terms. Rent, $1,800 per year.

S. EMERSON, No. 659 6th-av.

TO LEASE AT A LOW RENT—A brick villa, situated on the Boulevard, between 142d and 143d sts.; premises consist of fourteen lots; the building stands on a high elevation, commanding a full and beautiful view of the Hudson River; house contains twelve rooms with all modern improvements and in perfect order; shade trees, handsome lawn, and stable attached. Apply to
EDWARD J. KING & SONS,
No. 428 Broome-st.

FURNISHED HOUSES TO LET—No. 284 Lexington-av., between 36th and 37th sts. No. 21 West 16th-st., between 5th and 6th avs. No. 226 West 47th-st., between Broadway and 8th-av.

No. 110 West 45th-st., between 6th and 7th avs.
Apply to HUGH N. CAMP,
No. 106 Broadway, corner Pine-st.

A FURNISHED HOUSE TO LET IN West 38th-st., near 5th-av., four-story, brown-stone, high-stoop, in complete order, and very desirable for private family.

OGDEN & CLARK,
Broadway, corner of 17th-st.

TO LET—TO FAMILIES DESIROUS OF ENjoying the advantages of living

PERILS OF THE STREETS.

How Human Life is Endangered in Our Thoroughfares—Necessity of Enforcing the Law.

The records of the Coroner's office, for the year 1872, show that 384 deaths were occasioned by accidents in the streets. These casualties might, with a few exceptions, have been avoided had the Corporation ordinances been rigidly enforced. By these Coroner's statistics it is shown that of the persons thus slain by official neglect 30 were run over by steam-cars within the City limits, 57 by horse-cars, and 41 by carriages, trucks, &c. Falls in the streets caused the death of 43 persons; falls from wagons, 27; from scaffolding, ladders, &c., 6; falls from embankments and into areas, 15; kicks by horses, 8; new buildings, 26, and the blasting of rocks, 5. When one reflects that he may meet with death from any of these various causes on any day that business obliges him to walk the streets, this bill of mortality is frightful enough.

A sailor, it is said, exposed to great danger in a terrible storm at sea, thanked his lucky star that, unlike "landlubbers," he was safe on the ocean, and that his life was not in peril from falling trees, signs, chimneys, and houses. The dangers thus enumerated are exceptional, but their frequent occurrence in this City during the prevalence of gales could be prevented if proper precautions were taken.

If chimneys were built strictly according to the present regulations of the Building Department, and swinging signs were securely fastened, and not allowed to project further into the street than is permitted by Corporation ordinances, there would be less danger of skull-cracking than there is at present. Hair-breadth escapes can frequently be witnessed on Broadway and other crowded thoroughfares. Omnibuses, carts, and trucks are driven to and fro, with a reckless disregard of life and limb of the throngs of people continually crossing the streets that is simply shocking and disgraceful.

Amadis de Gaul, and other chroniclers of Spanish knight-errantry, have not recorded as many gallant deeds in behalf of "fayre ladyes" as are daily performed by the Broadway police. Besides this these policemen strive to divest the streets of some of its perils, and many an unwary pedestrian is, by their efforts, literally snatched from the jaws of death. Despite the many plans adopted to relieve Broadway of the pressure of traffic that has burdened it from time immemorial, the dangers besetting pedestrians are not lessened. Meanwhile, it seems reasonable to suppose that some good and stringent police regulations might be enforced, to render the crossing of lower Broadway and other streets, particularly in the vicinity of Washington Market, less difficult and dangerous. For the list of people run over by steam-cars in the City limits, the railroads centering at the Grand Central Depot are mainly responsible. The terrors of street-crossing on Fourth-avenue, from Forty-fourth-street to Harlem River, have been frequently described in these columns. An attempt to cross this railroad anywhere is attended with much danger, but between Forty-fourth-street and Forty-ninth, the dangers are absolutely frightful. Locomotives dart recklessly backward, and whistling and snorting in such a manner as to only confuse people instead of warning them. Fortunately the work of sinking the track and the building of bridges over the avenue is now in progress, and the dangers of Fourth avenue will be, it is said by the engineers, lessened. The dummy engines, with long trains of freight-cars, that are allowed to run along crowded West-street and Canal-street at all hours of the day, also add to the dangers of the pedestrians.

That forty-three persons should meet with death from simple falls in the streets appears at first sight to be incredible. It is not so singular, however, when one is familiar with what are aptly termed "man-traps" that are to be found in nearly all the streets of the City. Chief among these dangers in the Winter season are iron vault-covers. What New-Yorker who reads this article has not at some time fell, or narrowly escaped a fall, from an incautious step on one of these treacherous pieces of iron in the sidewalk. He who has fallen is fortunate to have escaped with a slight contusion, or even a broken arm or leg, for many have lost their lives by such accidents. There are no ordinances now existing which can be directly applied to the abatement of this dangerous nuisance, for vault-covers are placed in the sidewalk by sufferance of the convenience or pleasure of the house-owner. They are to be found near the curbstone, near the house, or in the centre of the pavement. There should at least be ordinances to prevent their location in the latter place. It is not necessary to go into an enumeration of the various kinds of vault-covers, as every person who walks the streets is only too well conversant with all the different varieties. Those made of smooth iron, which become smoother by being continually trodden upon, should certainly be by ordinance entirely prohibited. More painful and distressing wounds and injuries are caused by these smooth iron vault-covers than from all the other kinds. The vault-covers which have for a long time afflicted pedestrians passing the Park Hotel are notable examples of this.

In a walk down Broadway from Canal-street to Chambers, the other day, six persons were seen to slip on vault-covers placed in the centre of the side-walk, on the eastern side of the street, and fall into the slush and mud. One of these persons was a feeble old gentleman, who hobbled off, apparently much hurt; the other was a little fairy cleanly attired. She was crossing the street hurriedly, to escape being run over by fast omnibuses, and when she reached the side-walk she suddenly slipped on one of the vault-covers. The poor little creature got upon her feet with some difficulty, her face being cut and her clean clothing soiled and bespattered with mud. Instances could be readily multiplied, but the personal experience of the reader will furnish abundant illustrations of the evils of the vault-covers. The practice of laying slabs of iron and glass, in place of stone blocks, for the lighting of vaults under the sidewalks, is also something which should be regulated by ordinance. They ought to be made as safe footing as the stone pavement.

There is an ordinance requiring lanterns to be placed in such a position as to shed a light upon vault covers left open at night, and it is required that the openings shall be properly protected to prevent any one from accidentally falling into them. They are often left improperly protected, however, and accidents occur in consequence. It may be well to warn people who thus carelessly leave their vault openings unprotected that victims of their neglect can recover heavy damages from them in court. The unevenness of the pavements is also fraught with much danger. Falling over one of these blocks have often occasioned a fractured skull or a broken limb. Much carelessness is often shown by builders and contractors for the safety, not only of workmen employed on new buildings, but for persons who are obliged to pass them when they are in the course of construction. A fall into one of these excavations is frightful to contemplate. Yet how often is the street passage over them covered with loose boards, which treacherously invite the pedestrian into deadly dangers. Many of the excavations for new buildings in the City are not protected as they should be, by a fence of planks, and people passing may, at any hour be hurled into their dark depths by an incautious step. The perils from falling stones, or other objects hoisted by ropes, are apparent to everybody. The writer of this article, passing along Park-row the other day, narrowly escaped being hit on the head by a stone falling from a new building near Ann-street, thus having a practical illustration of the danger referred to.

Ordinances expressly designed to prevent accidents from new buildings are in existence, and all that is needed is watchfulness on the part of paid officials, and a rigid enforcement of the law. These ordinances require that no area in front of any building in the City of New-York shall extend more than one-fifteenth part of the width of any street, nor in any case more than five feet from the inner wall of such area, to the building. It is also required that these areas shall be railed in such a manner as to prevent any reasonable possibility of people tumbling into them. There are large numbers of areas in the City not protected according to ordinance, and the fact that fifteen persons lost their lives last year by falling down into areas, cuts, and excavations is proof of their danger.

An annoyance which should be remedied is that of allowing horses to stand on sidewalks in front of livery stables, blacksmith shops, and other places in the City. The proprietors of these places appear to believe that the side-walk belongs to them, and that pedestrians who are fearful of being kicked to death by the animals must either run the gauntlet or walk out into the centre of the street. Rock-blasting is another danger, and any one who has been forced to ride or walk in any of the new streets or avenues up-town must be impressed with the frequently reckless manner in which this work is performed. Often, without warning, the pedestrian is suddenly brought face to face with an exploding powder mine, hurling rock and stone in every direction, to his imminent peril. That only five persons were killed in this way last year is due to the fact that these dog shot-gunfares were not much traveled, and not because the persons superintending the work were not sufficiently careful. In addition to the perils to pedestrians mentioned, are to be added the thousands of obstructions in the streets in the shape of stands, boxes, bales, iron pipes, lumber, awning-posts, stepping carpets, &c., by means of which pedestrians are driven into the streets to confront horses and wagons, or made to stumble and fall on the hard pavement. The environs of Washington Market are much encumbered in this way, as is Catharine-street, from East Broadway to Catharine Market, and Chatham-street and the Bowery. This is the greater part of the nuisances enumerated come under the special cognizance of the Bureau of Incumbrances, but they are not meddled with. It is gratifying to know, however, that the Superintendent of this bureau has promised to institute a movement against these evils. He complains, however, that his force of subordinates is inadequate to a thorough performance of the work, that he is not as well assisted by the police as he might be, and that there is a want of good and comprehensive ordinances to effectually abate the nuisance. Among unseen dangers to pedestrians is one whose consequences might be horrible. This is the large number of old steam-boilers under the sidewalks. These boilers are under the guardianship of the Sanitary Police. Competent engineers allege that there are hundreds of old boilers under the sidewalks to generate steam for machinery and heating purposes, which require the utmost care in their management. It is well known that men who are not engineers are employed to take care of many of them. The blowing up of a boiler under a sidewalk is an event extremely probable any day. It is a subject which should occupy the immediate attention of the Sanitary Police.

INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS.

Condition of Hotels and Public Schools—Tenement-Houses Requiring Fire Escapes.

Inspectors Hyde and McMillan report the following hotels, school buildings, and tenement-houses as having been publicly examined, and suggest various necessary improvements and alterations:

The Coleman House, north-west corner of Broadway and Twenty-seventh-street, 150 feet on Broadway, and 100 feet on Twenty-seventh-street; Broadway front is five stories in height, and the extreme westerly building on Twenty-seventh-street is six stories; there are 180 rooms, with three flights of stairs from second story up, and two flights from second story to street; no elevator; the sixth story of Twenty-seventh-street house is entirely occupied by female servants as sleeping apartments; escape can be made by the stairs and scuttle, but we would recommend that an iron platform be placed at rear window to lead to adjoining roof. There is a detector and alarm in hall of adjoining building, where male help sleep, and detector and alarm at top of stairs, near room No. 187; detectors and alarms at head of stairs in fifth story, at rooms Nos. 86, 101, 109, 117; fourth story has detectors and alarms, and third story similarly furnished; second story, detectors at head of stairs, and alarm in centre of hall; first story has detector in each of the eight stores, bar-room, barber shop, &c., with alarm in office. Detectors should be put in basement story in sleeping rooms, linen room, store room, kitchen, laundry, and connected with at least two alarms. Would recommend an iron ladder leading to sidewalk; also that Broadway building be supplied with scuttle and stationary iron ladder at south end of hall. Apparatus for extinguishing fire in abundance and in good working order.

Brower House, south-west corner Broadway and West Twenty-eighth-street, and occupying adjoining house on Twenty-eighth-street; five stories, containing forty-four rooms, one flight of stairs. Iron balconies and stairs should be placed to each story in the space between the two houses. Detectors and alarms should be put at head of stairs in every alternate story above first, and at least three detectors and one alarm in basement. A brick platform should be put under laundry stove.

Maison Dorée, south-east corner Broadway and Fourteenth-street, corner building five stories, Fourteenth-street building six stories. Hallways spacious, and stairs easy of access; detectors and alarms in every other story; upper story of Fourteenth-street building should be similarly furnished; iron ladder should be furnished to scuttle.

In Grammar School No. 51, Nos. 517 to 525 West Forty-fourth-street, repairs are recommended in the ceilings in primary department, and improvements in ventilation, or reduction in number of scholars in class-rooms, and cutting of openings to stair passages from recitation-class-rooms. Primary School No. 41, No. 516 West Fifty-second-street—This building was intended for a tenement-house, and is in no way adapted for school purposes. Rooms are overcrowded and the building should be abandoned. Primary School No. 27, Nos. 513 to 517 West Thirty-seventh-street—The steam apparatus should be put in order; slate substituted for wood in boys' closets; openings to be cut in partition dividing rear class-rooms, second floor, or same be removed, and that class-room doors be made to slide back. Grammar school No. 58, Nos. 311 to 319 West Fifty-second-street—Class-room doors should be arranged to slide back, and independent water-service be supplied. The following buildings have been reported as requiring means of fire-escape: Nos. 8, 12, 19, 294, 302, 306, and 312 Pearl-street; No. 226 West Twentieth-street; Nos. 246 and 248 Sixth-avenue; Nos. 24 and 26 Broadway; No. 7 Clark street; No. 20 Dominick-street; No. 139 Varick-street; Nos. 40 and 42 Whitehall-street; No. 98 Gold-street; No. 59 Frankfort-street; Nos. 1, 3, 10, and 14 State-street.

The Snow-Fall of this and Previous Years.

At last Spring has set in, and there is at least a fair probability that the storms are at an end. The quantity and uncertainty of the snow-fall for the Winter now departing, led to no little surprise and comment. "Will it ever stop?" was the cry. The answer was a fresh storm—"the heaviest yet," every one said; but the weather-prophets were altogether disgusted by finding the next still greater than its predecessors. As compared with the two previous years the fall was excessively large. In January, February, March, April, and December, 1870, the total amount of snow which fell was 25½ inches. In the same months of 1871, with the addition of a quarter of an inch in November, the fall was 24½ inches; in January, February, March, November, and December, 1872, the fall was a fraction less than 40½ inches.

In the two months of this year just passed, twenty-nine and one-third inches fell. By these figures, furnished by Mr. Draper, of the Central Park Meteorological Observatory, it appears that in November and December of 1872, and January and February, 1873, the snow-fall amounted to five feet, less one-fifth of an inch. Of course, all this has resulted in unusual slush down-town, and unprecedent opportunities for sleighing in the park and out of-town drives. Skating, too, has been very good, and the ice crop abundant—poor consolation for those on whom a Winter works its heaviest misfortunes. On the Hudson River the usual sport of ice-boat racing seemed to have been neglected, to find, further off in the interior, a newer field. The channel of that river is now rapidly clearing, and navigation is soon expected to open on it again. Thus, with the breaking up of Winter, the expected termination of snow-falls, and the resumption of navigation, a livelier condition of public enterprise and better times for the poor working men may be expected.

Five Men Drowned Off Plum Island.

Tuesday night last a schooner, laden with coal, went ashore off Plum Island. The man who discovered the wreck imagined that the crew had landed, but he was mistaken. Five of them were drowned. The bodies were recovered at different times, and Coroner Skinner, at Greenport, with a jury, held inquests on the bodies, after which they were placed in coffins and taken to Greenport. The wreck was discovered by a man named Jerome. From some torn papers found he concluded the schooner was the Surf, of Trenton. Her master's name was Abbott. The only bodies thus far recognized are those of Capt. Abbott and his son. The vessel left Hoboken for Providence with coal.

The Brooklyn Forgers.

The prisoners, James Burgess, George Simmons, George Barkwell, and William Collins, who were arrested in New-York on Friday, on suspicion of being concerned in sundry check-raising transactions, by which a number of Brooklyn residents were swindled, were taken before Justice Walsh yesterday morning, for examination. Several persons who have been victimized were present as witnesses, but only two of the prisoners—Burgess and Simmons—were identified. They were held for trial. Barkwell and Collins were remanded for further investigation.

Kings County Surrogate's Court.

During the past week Surrogate Veeder, of Kings County, admitted to probate the wills of the following persons: James Smith, of Flatbush, Long Island; Michael Schaeffer, George Burling, Dorothea Rutherford, Joshua Hunt, Geo. L. Mead, Wm. Yerks, Catherine Power, Jane Ann McCutcheon, and Geo. Thompson, all of Brooklyn.

Letters of administration were granted on the estates of John Schenck, of Bushwick; Andrew Dunworth, Frederick Williams, Catherine Lennon, Hugh J. McGee, Margaret L. Goodwin, Alida Duryea, and Dorcas Fransue, all of Brooklyn.

FORTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION.

SENATE...WASHINGTON, Saturday, March 1, 1873.

The House bills, to make La Crosse, Wis., a port of delivery, and for the establishment of life-saving stations on the Atlantic coast, were passed.

THE FARRAGUT STATUE.

Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, reported that the Senate and House Committees, acting together, had been unable to agree upon the acceptance of any of the models offered for a statue of the late Admiral Farragut. They did not feel satisfied that any one of them was entirely worthy of the subject.

THE WALLKILL BANK ROBBERY.

Mr. Sherman, of Ohio, presented the finding of the Grand Jury of the Southern District of New-York in relation to the officers of the Wallkill Bank, sent to him as Chairman of the Committee on Finance. It was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY.

Mr. Bayard, of Delaware, offered a resolution of inquiry, whether any officer of the army, while stationed in South Carolina, has received, or attempted to procure, payment from the State Legislature for services performed in the line of his duty or otherwise, or has been admitted to practice, and has practiced, at the Bar of the State for his personal emolument while receiving pay as an officer of the army, and whether such officer is now on duty on said state and detached from his regiment for any service, and if so, for what service.

Objection being made to the immediate consideration of the resolution, Mr. Bayard said he offered it in the interest of the character and efficiency of the army, and also in some degree for the protection of the people of South Carolina, and he would call it up at the earliest possible moment.

CIVIL SERVICE APPROPRIATION.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, and the pending amendment, to pay the Washington Board of Works $913,000 for street improvements in progress opposite and around Government property, was agreed to.

Mr. Conkling, of New-York, moved to add to the paragraph appropriating $500,000 for a new building for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing a proviso that nothing in the bill shall be construed to add to the classes of work now done by the bureau in Washington.

After remarks by Mr. Cole, of California, in opposition to the proviso, it was agreed to.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. Sawyer, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, offered an amendment to reimburse the late corporation of Washington for improvements of streets and avenues now chargeable to private property, and not included in previous appropriations, $1,600,000.

Mr. Sawyer modified the amendment so as to appropriate only $1,000,000, and at was then agreed to.

Mr. Sprague, of Rhode Island, offered an amendment appropriating $35,000 for a light-house near Narraganesett. Adopted.

Recess until 7 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Mr. Morrill, of Maine, offered an amendment reappropriating the unexpended balance of the appropriation of last year for the President to carry out civell service reform. Agreed to.

The bill was then passed.

LOUISIANA.

Mr. Daves, of West Virginia, moved to reconsider the vote by which the Louisiana bill was rejected, but gave way temporarily to Mr. Conkling, who called up the House bill to authorize the Secretary of War to dispose of certain old arsenal property, which was passed.

Mr. Stewart moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

The Senate refused to lay Mr. Davis' motion on the table by yeas, 28; nays, 28.

Mr. Chandler said that this vote meant that there was to be an extra session, and announced that he would surrender, and would not attempt to press the River and Harbor bill.

Mr. Morton then moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, and it was agreed to by yeas 29 to nays 28.

THE APPROPRIATION BILLS.

Mr. Morrill called up the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Appropriation bills, and moved to nonconcur in the House amendments, and ask for a committee of conference.

Mr. Edwards moved to amend the House amendment increasing salaries by striking out all except the clause increasing the President's salary to $50,000, to which little debate followed on the increase of salary question.

Mr. Carpenter hoped the House amendment increasing the salaries of members of Congress would be disagreed to, because it was entirely too small. [Laughter.]

Mr. Howe agreed entirely with Mr. Logan. He thought that members of Congress had better struggle on with their present salaries until the people should be prepared to pay them fairly for their services.

The question was taken on striking out the increase of members' salaries, and it was lost—yeas, 24; nays, 36.

Mr. Bayard moved to increase the salaries of Judges of the Court of Claims. Lost.

The Senate then voted to non-concur in the House amendment increasing salaries—yeas, 2, (Messrs. Bayard and Stockton;) nays, 55.

THE CALIFORNIA ELECTION.

Mr. Morton called up by unanimous consent the House bill to fix the time for the election in California of Representatives to the forty-fourth Congress, and explained the necessity for its passage.

Messrs. Casserly and Cole advocated it briefly, and it was passed.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD.

On motion of Mr. Edmunds the House provision on the Legislative appropriation bills providing a suit in equity against the Union Pacific Railroad, &c., was concurred in. The other House amendments were then non-concurred in, and a Committee of Conference ordered.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

After the reading of the Journal, and the disposition, under unanimous consent, of several matters of no general interest, the amendments to the Judiciary and Legislative Appropriation bill came up, the question being on Mr. Butler's motion to reconsider the vote of last night, rejecting the proposed increase of salaries.

Mr. Butler, of Massachusetts, by unanimous consent, made an explanation of his purpose in making the motion to reconsider. If the vote of last night were to stand, there would be no possibility of getting any change in the compensation; whereas, if otherwise, the question could go to the Senate, and the view of that body could be had on it. He did not care whether the salary of members was fixed at $2,500, $5,500, or $6,000; but there should be some increase in order to get rid of the irregularity of mileage.

Mr. Sargent, of California—I suggest $6,500 in lieu of mileages and other allowances.

Mr. Kellinger, of Pennsylvania, to Mr. Butler—This is right; accept it.

Mr. Butler—I accept that with pleasure if I can.

Mr. Banks—No; we will object to that.

Mr. Butler—Then I propose to fix the salary at $6,500 in lieu of all allowances.

The question recurred on reconsidering the vote rejecting the salary amendment.

Mr. Sargent, of California, then offered an amendment for that portion of Butler's amendment relating to members of Congress to fix the salary at $6,500 per annum, which shall be in lieu of any other pay or any allowance for mileage, newspapers, or stationery. This was agreed to without the yeas and nays, which was refused.

Mr. Butler's amendment, as thus amended, was then agreed to—yeas 100, nays 97.

SALARIES TO BE PAID HEREAFTER.

The salaries are thus fixed: The President of the United States, $50,000; Chief-Justice of the Supreme Court, $10,500; Justices of the Supreme Court, Vice-President, Speaker, and members of the Cabinet, $10,000; senators, members, and delegates to Congress, $6,500. The increased pay of members is to apply to the present Congress, and that of the President and other officers is to commence on the 4th of March, 1873.

The vote having been taken, amid great excitement and announced, the Speaker called attention to a matter personal to himself. He alluded to the fact that by the terms of the amendment his salary would be $10,000 per annum. He suggested that, as the salaries were last increased the pay of the Speaker was adjusted on the same plan as that of the Vice-President and the members of the Cabinet. He did not think that that adjustment should be disturbed, and he therefore asked unanimous consent to put in the word "hereafter" in reference to the Speaker's pay, "that the Speaker shall hereafter receive $10,000 a year."

Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania, objected, but subsequently withdrew his objection, and the Speaker said he would interline that modification in the amendment.

THE VOTE.

The vote on the amendment was as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Ames, Averill, Banks, Bigby, Bingham, Bowman, Boyden, Brooks, Buckland, Butler of Massachusetts, Butler of Tennessee, Caldwell, Cobb, Coghlan, Comingo, Conner, Crutcher, Crossland, Darrall, Dickey, Dodds, Dubose, Duell, Duke, Dunnell, Eldridge, Elliott, Foster of Pennsylvania, Garrett, Getz, Giddings, Golladay, Griffith, Hancock, Hamilton of Indiana, Williams of New-York, Winchester, Wood—100.

NAYS—Messrs. Acker, Ambler, Archer, Arthur, Barber, Barnum, Beatty, Beck of Georgia, Bell, Bird, Blair of Michigan, Braxton, Buffinton, Bunnell, Burchard, Campbell, Clarke, Conger, Colton, Cox, Creba, Crocker, Davis, Dawes, Donnan, Dox, Eames, Ely, Esty, Farnsworth, Finkelnburg, Foster of Ohio, Frye, Garfield, Goodrich, Hale, Halsey, Harris of Virginia, Havens, Hawley of Illinois, Hawley of Connecticut, Hay of Illinois, Haselton of Wisconsin, Hibbard, Hill, Hoar, Holman, Kellogg of Connecticut, Kerr, Killinger, Lowe, Lynch, Marshall, McClelland, McCormick, McCrary, McGrew, McIntyre, Merriam, Merrick, Monroe, Niblack of Indiana, Orr, Packer, Palmer, Poland, Read, Rice of Illinois, E. H. Roberts, W. R. Roberts, Rusk, Sawyer, Scofield, Shellabarger, Shober, Shoemaker, Smith of New-York, Smith of Ohio, Smith of Vermont, Speer, Starkweather, Stevenson, Swann, Terry, Townsend of Pennsylvania, Upson, Van Trump, Wakeman, Walden, Waldron, Wallace, Warren, Wells, Wheeler, Willard, Wilson of Ohio—97.

OTHER AMENDMENTS.

The House then proceeded to vote on the other important amendments, with the following result: The amendment suspending the payment of judgments of the Court of Claims in favor of disloyal persons was rejected. The substitute reported by the Committee on Appropriations in reference to withholding Government charges for transportation from the Pacific Railroads, and applying the amount to the reimbursement of interest, was agreed to, instead of the Senate amendment on the same subject.

An amendment known as the Wilson bill, directing suits to be instituted for restitution of Credit Mobilier overcharges was agreed to.

A conference was then ordered on the disagreeing votes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SPAIN.

Mr. Banks, of Massachusetts, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported from that committee a joint resolution tendering in the name and on behalf of the American people and Congress congratulations to the people of Spain on their recent efforts to consolidate the principles of universal liberty in a republican form of government, and requesting the President to transmit this resolution to the American Minister at Madrid, with instructions to present it to the Spanish Government.

The joint resolution was passed without a division.

REMOVAL OF TAXES.

Mr. Cox presented a petition of the merchants of New-York City for the removal of taxes on state and national banking institutions.

THE ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL.

Mr. Dickey, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Appropriations, moved to suspend the rules and have all the Senate amendments to the Army Appropriation bill rejected and referred to a conference committee.

Mr. Coburn, of Indiana, called attention to the appropriation of $250,000 for the establishment of two military posts on the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad. He said there was more in that than was apparent. It concealed another Indian war, and he wanted that fact understood by the House and the country.

Mr. Dickey's motion was carried by the necessary two-thirds vote.

THE DEFICIENCY BILL.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Wheeler, of New-York, in the chair, on the Deficiency Appropriation bill. The bill appropriates $8,222,828, and applies to deficiencies in the State Department, the Treasury Department, the Territorial Governments, the War and Interior Departments, and miscellaneous matters.

It includes an item of $54,900 for the Custom-house at St. Paul, Minn.; one of $500,000 for the New-York Post-office, and one of $284,199 for the extension of the Capitol grounds.

The fly-leaf of the printed bill gives the following summary of twelve regular appropriation bills:

Indian bill, reported Dec. 2, 1872, $5,379,365 03; Pension bill, reported Dec. 2, 1872, $30,000,000; Legislative, Executive, Judicial bill, reported Dec. 2, 1872, $17,041,352 80; Consular and Diplomatic bill, reported Dec. 19, 1872, $1,310,629; Navy bill, reported Jan. 7, 1873, $18,769,993 50; Fortification bill, reported Jan. 7, 1873, $1,950,000; Post-office bill, reported Jan. 15, 1873, $32,503,767; Military Academy bill, reported Feb. 3, 1873, $351,017 30; Army bill, $31,961,953 84; Sundry Civil Expenses bill, reported Feb. 11, 1873, $27,978,259 40; River and Harbor bill, reported Feb. 11, 1873, $5,507,400; Deficiency bill, reported Feb. 24, 1873, $8,222,828 79; total, $181,000,138 89.

The committee rose without finishing the bill.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

The Speaker announced the following Conference Committee on the Legislative Appropriation Bill: Messrs. Garfield, of Ohio; Butler, of Massachusetts, and Randall, of Pennsylvania.

Messrs. Dickey, of Pennsylvania; Coburn, of Indiana, and Palmer, of Iowa, were appointed the Conference Committee on the Army Appropriation bill.

The House then, at 5:15, took a recess until 8 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Mr. Dunnell, of Minnesota, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill extending for two years the time for pre-emptors on public lands in Minnesota and Dakota to make payment therefor. Passed.

CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Mr. Wilson, of Indiana, from the Select Committee on Credit Mobilier and Pacific Railroads, reported a bill to provide for securing the interests of the United States and the public in the Central Pacific Railroad Company. Ordered to be printed, and recommitted.

It provides for the appointment of three commissioners to examine into the financial condition of the Central Pacific Railroad Company, and to inquire into the collusive action between the Company and the Contract and Finance Company which constructed the road. Also as to the disposition of the corporate moneys, bonds, stocks, and other property of the railroad, whether they were unlawfully disposed of or applied to purposes other than those for which they were received, and whether the security of the United States for its claims against the Company have been impaired; also to inquire whether the measurement of the line of the Central and Union Pacific Railroads, with reference to the issue of subsidy bonds, was properly made; also, whether the Union Pacific Road and its branches are operated in accordance with the act of July 2, 1864; also, whether there are any existing contracts with the Union Pacific Railroad Company making unjust and improper discriminations in relation to the transportation of coal or other commodities. The commissioners are to receive a salary of $3,000, and actual traveling expenses, and may employ a stenographer and clerk. Their office is to continue till the 31st of December, 1873, and they are to report at the next session. The bill appropriates $20,000.

The House then at 9 o'clock went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Wheeler, of New-York, in the chair, and resumed the consideration of the Deficiency bill.

BROOKLYN STREET-OPENINGS.

Park-Avenue Meeting—Charges Against the County Auditor.

A meeting of citizens interested in the opening of Park-avenue, Brooklyn, was held last evening at Stella Hall, on Bedford-avenue, Mr. Geo. Kelsey presiding. About 200 persons were present, the Seventh and Twenty-first Wards being largely represented. Alderman Wylie, the first speaker, entered into a detailed history of the opposition to the act passed in 1868, providing for the opening of Park-avenue, between Bridge-street and Hudson-avenue, and between Clinton-avenue and Broadway. The avenue in question is open only between Hudson and Clinton avenues, for comparatively short distances. The district of assessment fixed by the Common Council in the act of 1868 was rendered unequal by the great length of the up-town blocks, and the attempt to open the avenue was successfully resisted by the property-holders of the Fifth Ward. To do away with this opposition, it was determined to obtain the repeal of the original act and the substitution of a new bill providing for the opening of the street only between Clinton-avenue and Broadway, in the Seventh and Twenty-first Wards. At the meeting last evening this course was almost unanimously determined on and a bill was presented by Alderman Wylie, including the provisions for repeal and re-enactments as already specified. A committee of five was appointed to take charge of the bill and secure its early presentation at Albany. The new bill leaves the district of assessment in the discretion of the Common Council. The opening of the avenue, it is claimed, is opposed chiefly by a tramp company which has a long rope-walk across the street line. After the adoption of the bill, Alderman Wylie delivered a speech reflecting severely on the official conduct of County Auditor Fitzgerald in connection with street-openings. This official, he said, received ten per cent. on every opening, and from $100 to $2,000 of the disbursements in each case. He claimed that he could show fraud in every street-opening in the city—in some instances sufficient to send certain officials to State's Prison—and in conclusion announced that at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to-morrow he should move for the appointment of a committee to investigate the official conduct of the present County Auditor.

Business in the Richmond County Court, Staten Island.

The fourth session of the Richmond County Court and Court of Sessions was held yesterday, Judge Metcalf and Associate Justices Allen and Kassner presiding. The Grand Jury, having finished its business, was discharged. Hiram Kelley, indicted for an attempt to kill Capt. Henry Miller, was found guilty of assault and battery and sentenced to sixty days in the County Jail. Joseph Williams, indicted for an attempt to kill his sister-in-law, at Port Richmond, was sentenced to two years and two months in the State Prison. Williams, sexton of St. John's Church, in Clifton, charged with abducting Miss Agnes Thompson, was discharged from custody, no bill having been found against him. Catherine Hayley, committed by Justice Garrett for six months, was discharged on a writ of habeas corpus. The New-Brighton arson, burglary, and grand larceny cases were sent to the Oyer and Terminer, which meets on the 7th of April next. The District-Attorney entered suits of nolle prosequi in the cases of all the town officials of Castleton who were indicted for malfeasance in office. The Court then adjourned for the term.

The President's Inauguration—Departures and Arrangements.

A number of persons from New-York and its vicinity who intend participating in the inauguration ceremony on Tuesday at Washington took their departure yesterday. The night train on the Pennsylvania line last evening was composed of thirteen coaches and five sleeping-cars, all of which were pretty well filled. It is expected that this City and neighborhood will furnish a respectable quota toward the national celebration.

To-day a detail from the several New-York regiments intending to participate in the ceremonies will proceed in advance to make preparations for the men who are to follow.

The Old Guard, mustering eighty strong, will parade at their head-quarters to-morrow, under the command of Major George W. McLean, and will proceed to Desbrosses-street Ferry via Broadway and Canal-street. These veterans are to act as special escort to the President during the inauguration ceremonies.

The Case of Foster.

Gov. Dix came to the City yesterday afternoon from Albany. The principal motive for his visit was to meet several judges connected with the New-York Criminal Courts, and the counsel for Foster, now lying in the Tombs under sentence of death. The consultation was held at the residence of the Governor, No. 3 West Twenty-first-street, but though the interview was a lengthy one, it is understood that no definite decision was arrived at. As was stated in yesterday's TIMES, some new evidence of a favorable character to the prisoner has been obtained, and it is believed that the sentence of death will be commuted to imprisonment for life. The Governor will, it is understood, announce his final decision to-morrow.

Burning of a Patent Leather Factory at Newark, N. J.

The patent leather factory of J. H. Halsey & Co., on Belmont-avenue, Newark, was burned yesterday. The fire originated in the japanning-room, through the mixing of some paint and naphtha. The greater portion of the stock and fixtures in the japaning department and paint-room were destroyed. The loss is estimated at $8,000, on which there is no insurance. A workman named Felix Fitzsimmons was badly injured. He was taken to the hospital, where it was learned that his wounds were not serious.

NEW-YORK AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

The receipts of taxes during the week amounted to $127,434 68.

Walker J. Jewell, charged with keeping a gambling-house in Broadway, was held to bail by Justice Cox yesterday, in $600.

Joseph Hudson, a groom, was committed at Jefferson Market, yesterday, on a charge of highway robbery, preferred by John Goff, of Newark.

The British brig Springbok, 241 tons, built Dec. 18, 1865, and the British bark Robert Boak, 397 tons, built July, 1865, now at Matanzas, have been sold on private terms.

The statements published in two of the morning journals, yesterday, respecting the case of Phelps, Dodge & Co. are incorrect. The case has not yet been settled.

George Appleby, one of the alleged check-raisers arrested on Friday was yesterday brought before Justice Hogan, at the Tombs Police Court, and identified.

Thomas Ahearn, of No. 41 East Forty-third-street, fell from Pier No. 31 North River, into a lighter lying alongside, yesterday, and received concussion of the brain.

A quantity of human bones and two skulls were found yesterday in the cellar of No. 229 South Fifth-avenue. The premises were formerly occupied as a drug-store.

The City Chamberlain makes the following report for the week: Balance Feb. 22, $4,092,685 99; receipts, $1,611,287 24; payments, $1,112,566 75; balance March 1, $4,491,376 48.

The proprietors and inmates of the disreputable houses closed by the police of the Fifteenth Precinct, on Friday night, were yesterday committed by Justice Cox, at Jefferson Market.

The remains of an unknown man, about thirty-five years of age, were found, last evening, floating in the North River, at Thirty-fourth-street, and taken to the Morgue for identification.

Counsel for George Washington Bowen, the plaintiff in the Junel case, has filed the bill of exceptions, and Judge Shipman, yesterday, gave twenty days to the defendant to prepare amendments thereto.

The Castle Garden Committee, at the investigation held yesterday, in the case of Nicholas Muller, appointed by the Erie Railroad Company as its agent in Castle Garden, voted that the charges were not sustained.

Prof. George A. Barker, of Yale College, delivered the last of his course of lectures in the large Hall of the Cooper Union, yesterday evening, on "The Spectroscope, as Applied to the Terrestrial Bodies.

Yesterday, Coroner Young held an inquest in the case of Mary Hughes, whose body was found in the North River, foot of Fortieth-street. The jury returned a verdict of death from drowning, and the husband, who had been arrested on suspicion, was discharged.

The traveling public are informed that the steamer Newport, having been remodeled and thoroughly refitted with every appliance for safety and comfort, will resume her trips to-morrow. The railroad company will put on a number of extra trains.

Allen Morris alias Morry Harris, a noted rough, was arrested on Friday night, for being drunk. While being taken to the station-house Morris attempted to shoot the officer. He was committed on a charge of felonious assault in default of $3,000 bail.

The special committee appointed by the Republican General Committee of this City to attend the reinauguration of President Grant have perfected their arrangements. The head-quarters of the committee in Washington will be at Willard's Hotel.

The insurance of Messrs. Newman & Capron's factory, West Twenty-ninth-street, injured by fire on Friday night, is as follows: Manhattan, $7,500; North Missouri, $5,000; Connecticut, $2,500; German American, $2,500; Allemania, $2,000; Alps, $1,750; National, of Hartford, $1,250. Total, $20,000.

A very small audience assembled last evening at No. 163 East Houston-street, to listen to an address by Mr. Theodore E. Tomlinson, whose remarks were rather rambling, but whose speech, in effect, advocated free halls for the people, meaning that the City shall grant the civil and Police Justice's Courts in the evening for the use of citizens in mass-meetings, where the free discussion of everything but politics and religion is to be allowed.

BROOKLYN.

The police made 348 arrests last week.

The taxes and assessments received at the Collector's office during the month of February amounted to $700,521 80.

The monthly returns made to the City Clerk for license fees, &c., during February amount to $1,080 50.

The Board of City Works yesterday authorized negotiations for the purchase of Watts Pond, to increase the water supply.

Yesterday morning Alonzo Deo, aged fifty years, made an ineffectual attempt to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a razor at his residence, No. 91 North Oxford-street. Cause, mental depression.

The dead body of a new-born child, wrapped in a canvas bag, was found yesterday evening, behind a coal